

State of the Nation address to be available online at KCNPradio.org, www.chickasaw.net

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Shortly after 7 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, hundreds of Chickasaws and friends are expected to begin streaming into Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College in Tishomingo. This audience will gather to hear Governor Bill Anoatubby deliver his State of the Nation address, the highlight of the 54th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation.

The annual State of the Nation address is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. The audience is expected to exceed 1,000.

Those unable to make it to the Annual Meeting in person can watch and hear the address streaming live on www.chickasaw.net.

Citizens can also listen in to the live stream of the address on the Chickasaw Nation community radio station KCNP Radio 89.5 FM, or on the station website at http://KCNPradio.org.

"Honor, Tradition, Courage - Our People," is the theme for this year's Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival. The 26th annual Festival kicks off Sept. 26 with a stomp dance at Kullihoma, east of Ada. Events culminate with the Annual Meeting in Tishomingo.

The State of the Nation address will be rebroadcast at noon the same day on KCNP.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Festival office at (580) 371-9584.

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Southeastern Art Show deadline Sept. 7

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The application deadline for the 2014 Chickasaw Nation Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) in Tishomingo is Friday, Sept. 7.

Adults and youth from all Southeastern and Woodland tribes are encouraged to enter the competition in the two-dimensional or three-dimensional categories.

Artists may enter up to two works per category, up to a total of four entries.

The youth artist competition is open to students enrolled in a public, private or home-school high school and will be 14 to 17 years old on September 1, 2014.

Hosted by the Chickasaw Nation during the tribe's 54th Annual Meeting and 26th Chickasaw Festival, the juried art competition and market will be October 3-4 on the tribe's historic capitol grounds in Tishomingo.

Participating artists will display their work in the SEASAM tent from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, October 3 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, October 4.

Application forms, entry rules and additional information can be found at www.chickasaw.net or by contacting Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520 or by email artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

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Incumbents Case, Barker, McManus, Woods, Bellefeuille-Gordon win re-election

Chickasaw Nation announces general election results



Katie Case
Pontotoc District
Seat 3



Connie Barker
Pickens District
Seat 2



Dean McManus
Pontotoc District
Seat 4



Steven Woods
Tishomingo District
Seat 3



Cheri L. Bellefeuille-Gordon
Supreme Court
Seat 3

Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder has announced results of the Chickasaw Nation general election.

Pickens District Seat 2 incumbent legislator Connie Barker, of Marietta, received 1,360 votes to defeat Michael T. Watson and Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott, both of Ardmore, who received 540, and 231 votes, respectively.

Pontotoc District Seat 3 incumbent Katie Case, of Ada, received 1,805 votes to narrowly defeat challenger Dr. Karen Goodnight, of Goldsby, who received 1,703 votes.

Tishomingo District Seat 3 in-

cumbent Steven Woods, of Davis, received 1,025 votes to defeat challenger Wes Harden, of Sulphur, who received 524 votes.

Incumbent legislator Dean McManus, of Ada, was unchallenged and retains Pontotoc District Seat 4.

Incumbent Supreme Court Justice Cheri L. Bellefeuille-Gordon, of Sulphur, was unchallenged and retains Seat 3 on the Chickasaw Supreme Court.

Elected officials will take the oath of office Wednesday, Oct. 1.

For more information, contact Ms. Loder at (580) 310-6475 or 888-661-0137.

General Election results

Legislature: Pontotoc District Seat 3

Katie Case, Ada (Incumbent) - 1,805 - 51 percent
Dr. Karen Goodnight, Goldsby - 1,703 - 49 percent

Pickens District Seat 2

Connie Barker, Marietta (Incumbent) - 1,360 - 64 percent
Michael T. Watson, Lone Grove - 540 - 25 percent
Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott - 231 - 11 percent

Pontotoc District Seat 4

Dean McManus, Ada (Incumbent) - no challenger

Tishomingo District Seat 3

Steven Woods, Davis (Incumbent) - 1,025 - 66 percent
Wes Harden, Sulphur - 524 - 34 percent

Supreme Court: Seat 3

Cheri L. Bellefeuille-Gordon, Sulphur (Incumbent) - no challenger

Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting, Festival scheduled for Sept. 26 – Oct. 4 in Tishomingo



TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Chickasaw heritage, customs and unconquerable spirit will come to life as people from across the globe gather in Chickasaw Country for the 2014 Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival, Sept. 26 - Oct. 4.

"Honor, Tradition, Courage - Our People" is the theme for this year's 54th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and 26th Chickasaw Festival.

Numerous activities and events celebrating Chickasaw heritage, history and customs will be featured at different venues throughout the Chickasaw Nation, including the cities of Tishomingo, Emet and Ada, the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur and Kullihoma.

Activities begin Friday, Sept. 26, SEE **ANNUAL MEETING & FESTIVAL**, PAGE 2

Craft range in age from 500 to 5,000 years

Cultural Center to host dugout canoe exhibit

SULPHUR, Okla. - In spring 2000, a group of Florida high school students stumbled on the largest treasure trove of ancient dugout canoes ever discovered.

It is believed the Eastside High School students found 101 canoes. Some of the vessels are fully intact, some are mere remnants. When radiocarbon dating was completed, scientists estimated some of the vessels were between 500 and 5,000 years old.

What emerged from the discovery is "Dugout Canoes: Paddling through the Americas," a landmark exhibition to be hosted by the Chickasaw Nation at its expansive Cultural Center in Sulphur from Sept. 27, 2014, through May 6, 2015.

Dugout canoes were the metaphorical pickup trucks used by Native Americans to transport food, family, warriors and trade goods. The vessels made travel possible for Native people.

While none of the 101 dugout canoes discovered by the Gainesville, Florida, students in drought-stricken Newnans Lake 14 years ago will be on display, ancient vessels recovered from other sites



This 400-year-old pine dugout canoe will be on display Sept. 27 through May 2015 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur. It is part of the historically significant Dugout Canoes: Paddling through the Americas, an exhibit exploring the history and importance of such vessels for Native Americans.

in America may be viewed, studied and researched.

The exhibition tells the story about how infinitely important the canoes were to Native Americans, how they were crafted sans modern tools and the exhaustive effort it required to build one stable and seaworthy.

A 2011 article in *The Wall Street Journal* makes it clear unearthing the 101 dugout canoes from Newnans Lake would have destroyed the precious crafts. For hundreds of years, the site was covered with ample amounts

of water and then exposed to the elements during periods of drought. This see-saw effect degraded the Southern hard pine canoes. In order to fully save them, an inordinately expensive process must be undertaken.

Today, according to the *Journal*, the dugout canoes are submerged in about five feet of water, encased in a protective layer of mud.

A magnificent dugout, almost 19 feet long will be on display. It was discovered near Gainesville and is the show's centerpiece that

dates to approximately 400 years ago. It is made of pine and has a slightly raised bow and stern. A paddle was discovered with it. Other ancient examples of dugout canoes will be available for viewing.

The exhibit, with various artifacts, shows how Native Americans hunted and fished from the vessels and how they used them for other purposes.

Photos and short videos will also show the high school students' Newnans Lake excavation and research, how vessels contained in the exhibit were preserved so they could be presented to the public, and methods used to construct them by ancient people.

"Dugout Canoes: Paddling through the Americas" will be open to Chickasaw Cultural Center patrons during normal business hours.

The Cultural Center opens at 10 a.m. Monday through Saturday and at noon on Sundays. It closes daily at 5 p.m. The center is closed on all federally-recognized holidays.

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and culminate Saturday, Oct. 4. Annual Meeting

The 54th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation is highlighted by Gov. Bill Anoatubby's "State of the Nation" Address. Annual Meeting begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College in Tishomingo.

A live video and audio stream of the Annual Meeting and State of the Nation address by Gov. Anoatubby will be available on the Chickasaw Nation website and KCNP Radio. Live broadcast on KCNP Radio and the Chickasaw Nation website will begin at 8:30 a.m.

A live webcast can be accessed by logging on to www.chickasaw.net/annualmeeting on any mobile device and clicking on the State of the Nation web stream link. An audio broadcast can be accessed at www.kcnpradio.org, or on KCNP 89.5 FM in the Ada, Oklahoma, area.

Immediately following Gov. Anoatubby's "State of the Nation" address, Tishomingo's Main Street will be the scene of the Festival Parade.

A wide variety of exciting events and activities will be conducted throughout Tishomingo Oct. 4, including tours of the historic Chickasaw Capitol and Chickasaw White House in Emet, children's activities, a parent/child fishing tournament, and horseshoe tournament and live entertainment in Pennington Park, a health fair and traditional

meal at Murray State College campus, fast pitch softball tournament at Johnston County Sports Complex, and numerous cultural demonstrations, storytelling, a stickball tournament, and living history vignettes at the Capitol grounds.

The Southeastern Art Show and Market opens at 9 a.m., Friday, Oct. 3, and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, on the south side of the Capitol grounds.

Numerous traditional events, including the Chickasaw Princess Pageant, Cultural Evening, Arts and Cultural Awards, children's activities and more are planned for the weeklong homecoming that celebrates Chickasaw heritage, culture, spirit and traditions.

Schedule of Events

A traditional Stomp Dance from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Friday, Sept. 26, at Kullihoma opens the festivities.

Several events are planned in Tishomingo, Kullihoma and the Chickasaw Cultural Center Saturday, Sept. 27, including a traditional corn stalk shoot, a golf tournament, a 5K run, Junior Olympics, fry bread making class, movies nights and a coed softball tournament.

Sunday, Sept. 28, activities include living history vignettes, a Dugout Canoe exhibit and Native Dance exhibition at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

A Chickasaw History Challenge Bowl is scheduled from 11 a.m. to

2 p.m. Sept. 29 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

The Chickasaw Princess Pageant will be at 6 p.m., Sept., 29, in Ada.

Young ladies will vie for one of three titles: Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Junior Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw.

Contestants will be judged on traditional Chickasaw dress, poise, talent and random questioning.

The newly-crowned royalty will have the honor and privilege of serving as ambassadors of the Chickasaw Nation at various functions and events throughout the region.

Arts and Culture Awards, Cultural Evening

The Arts and Culture Awards will be at 6:30 p.m. p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, in conjunction with Cultural Evening, which begins at 4 p.m.

Cultural tours for schools will be conducted in Tishomingo and tours of the Chickasaw White House, in Emet, will be available Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A complete listing of events, locations and schedules is available online at www.chickasaw.net/annualmeeting. For more information, call (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356 or visit the Chickasaw Nation Facebook page at [facebook.com/TheChickasawNation](https://www.facebook.com/TheChickasawNation) or twitter.com/ChickasawNation. Event schedule is subject to

change. Please visit often for the latest event updates.

Annual Meeting golf tourney set Sept. 27

Registration for a five-person scramble golf tournament during the 54th Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival are being accepted.

The tournament is open to anyone 18 years old and up, but high school players may not register to participate, officials said.

The tourney kicks off 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Tishomingo Golf Course, 3600 W. Golf Course

5K and Fun Walk

Annual Meeting and Festival 5K and Fun Walk It's time to lace up your running shoes, kick up your heels and begin preparation for the Annual Meeting and Festival 5K and Fun Walk to be held Sept. 27, at Refuge Road in Tishomingo, Okla.

It is one of the preliminary events for a week packed with activities for the whole family. The one-mile fun walk begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K kicks off at 8:30 a.m.

The event is free to all participants. Sign up early on <http://dgroadracing.com> to ensure you receive a T-shirt and packet of complementary gifts the day of the race. There will be on-site registration the morning of the race as well. T-shirts are not guaranteed to those who sign up the morning of the race.

Medals will be given to all

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Road.

Registration is \$60 per person and may be paid the morning of the tournament. The fee includes green fees, cart, meal and complimentary gift.

To register, or for more information, contact Jerry D. Jones at (580) 310-5428. He can also be reached via email at jerry.jones@chickasaw.net.

Hotel boasts 90% occupancy, growing retail support

Artesian celebrates success on one-year anniversary



Artesian Hotel General Manager Bryce Chitwood, left, and Artesian Area General Manager Nick Starns prepare to serve a special cake commissioned to celebrate the Artesian Hotel's first birthday Aug. 1. The commissioned cake was from Dallas' Frosted Art Bakery and replicated the grand architecture of the hotel, located at 1001 W. 1st Street in downtown Sulphur. The cake was designed by Frosted Art Bakery founder Bronwen Weber, a multiple winner for cake designing on Food Network Challenge.

SULPHUR, Okla. – A year after the triumphant grand opening of the much-anticipated Artesian Hotel Casino and Spa, a first birthday celebration was the "icing on the cake" after a successful first year of operations.

The centerpiece of the Friday, Aug. 1, reception was a massive cake, a remarkably realistic replica of the landmark hotel, complete with the iconic art-deco "Artesian" sign and turrets and a "Luxe" retail shop sign.

Commissioned by Artesian Area General Manager Nick Starns and Artesian Hotel General Manager Bryce Chitwood, the cake was created to express grati-

tude to the community and visitors for bringing unprecedented success to the one-year-old hotel.

"Words cannot truly describe the feeling, but 'jubilation' is a good start," Mr. Starns said. "We knew the Artesian would be a great property and we knew it would be successful, but to see this hotel achieve 80 percent occupancy for its first year and 90 percent for this summer, well, it's simply unheard of. But if you provide an exceptional destination with exceptional service, people will find you."

The Artesian Hotel opened Aug. 2, 2013, at the site of the original Artesian, serving as both a re-

minder of the original's opulence and a leap forward for boutique hotel accommodations in south-central Oklahoma. Like the original, the hotel is adjacent to the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, known in 1906 as Platt National Park. The area is brimming with natural beauty and bubbling springs that draw thousands of visitors annually.

With 81 rooms and suites, the Artesian features luxurious rooms, a lobby that bridges classic elegance with modern design, the Sole'renity Spa, the Springs at Artesian restaurant, the Fountain Club Lounge, an indoor-outdoor pool and an expanding group of

distinctive retail shops.

The original Artesian Hotel opened in 1906 and served as the social focal point for Murray County. The Artesian hosted governors, presidents and movie stars as well as thousands of visitors who came to Sulphur to experience the rejuvenating qualities of its natural springs. But in 1962, fire destroyed the original Artesian.

Thanks to the efforts of the Chickasaw Nation, which broke ground on the new Artesian in 2010, the new hotel is reviving the spirit of the original and bringing new focus to the natural beauty and local flavor of Sulphur. The hotel is once again making the area a sought-after destination.

"This success didn't just surprise us. It surprised everyone," Mr. Starns said. "People started saying, 'Wow – what is going on in Sulphur, Oklahoma?' The Artesian is revitalizing the area, with

new restaurants wanting to come in, new businesses and retail opening in downtown Sulphur, and that will continue. There is a big market here and people want it to succeed, and we're going to see more of it."

The Artesian and related businesses also provide an economic boost to the area, employing more than 300 people.

The celebratory cake was commissioned from Dallas' Frosted Art Bakery for the birthday celebration. The confectionary, which replicated the grand architecture of the hotel, was designed by Frosted Art Bakery founder Bronwen Weber, a multiple winner for cake design on Food Network Challenge.

The Artesian Hotel and Spa is located at 1001 West First Street in Sulphur. For more information call (855) 455-5255 or visit artesianhotel.com.

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This month on CNTV

- **CNTV is getting ready for the Chickasaw Nation's Annual Meeting and Festival!** Events and activities are set for September 26 through October 4 throughout the Chickasaw Nation.
- **The Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy celebrated its 10-year anniversary this summer.** The camp also had a record number of youth participants. Highlights from this year's camp will air this month on CNTV!

- **The Chickasaw Nation's Geo-Spatial Information office uses the latest technology to create maps and other resources.** Learn more about how this department benefits the tribe's commercial development and cultural preservation efforts.
- ...and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.
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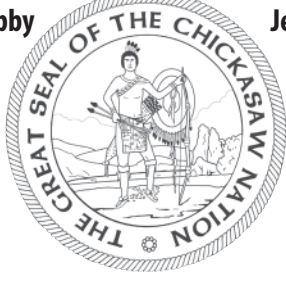
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Please come join us for Chickasaw Annual Meeting, Festival!

We are approaching that special time of year when all Chickasaws come together to enjoy great fellowship and celebrate our heritage!

Our 54th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and 26th Annual Chickasaw Festival run from Sept. 26 through Oct. 4. As is our tradition, our meetings, events and celebrations will be centered in our historic capitol city of Tishomingo.

The Annual Meeting and Festival are very popular and offer the opportunity to enjoy family, friends and new acquaintances. All Chickasaws can reconnect with our Chickasaw heritage, traditions and culture.

This year our theme is “Honor, Tradition, Courage – Our People.” We will gather together in venues throughout the Chickasaw Nation for great events, great fellowship and celebration of our beloved tribe.

This year kicks off with the Stomp Dance at Kullihoma beginning at 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 26. Dancing continues into the wee hours of Saturday morning. Be sure to join us this year!

Saturday, Sept. 27 will feature the golf tournament at Tishomingo Golf Course, the 5k Run and 1-Mile Fun Walk at Refuge Road, the co-ed slow-pitch softball tournament at Murray State College, and Junior Olympics at Tishomingo High School field. The popular Corn Stalk Shoot begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Kullihoma.



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

Monday, Sept. 29 is our traditional Chickasaw Princess Pageant, which begins at 6 p.m. at Ada High School. Three young ladies will be selected to serve as our Chickasaw Royalty. We are very proud of our young Chickasaw women and their dedication to our traditions, and we very much hope to see you there!

Tuesday through Friday features tours of the Tishomingo museums, the Chickasaw Cultural Center and Chickasaw White House. Kids will enjoy the petting zoo and the fun “make and take” tent. This is the time when area school children visit to tour and learn about our culture.

Our Chickasaw elders will compete in the annual Senior Olympics beginning at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30 at the Johnston County Sports Complex in Tishomingo. Please come

out and support our elders!

Thursday features the traditional Cultural Evening, at 4 p.m., followed by the Arts & Culture Awards at 6:30 p.m. Both events are at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

Friday is the popular Southeastern Art Show and Market, which opens at 9 a.m. on the Capitol grounds. You will find some beautiful art! At 8 p.m. that evening, put on your boots and enjoy the rodeo at the Tishomingo arena. The rodeo continues on Saturday evening.

Saturday, Oct. 4 is, of course, our biggest day. Annual Meeting begins at 9 a.m. with the State of the Nation address at Murray State College, followed by the annual parade down Tishomingo’s Main Street. The traditional Chickasaw meal will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m. at Murray State College.

Of course, there will be all the events and venues that have become traditions for us over the years.

It’s time you made your plans to attend the Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival! I guarantee you will be glad you made the trip!

Come and celebrate with us this year. I look forward to seeing you!

Mosely buttressed Chickasaw sovereignty, finances



Palmer Simeon Mosley

and his Chickasaw wife, Palmer Mosely began his service to the Chickasaw Nation in 1875 when he was selected interpreter for the Chickasaw legislature.

Educated for four years at Crocker School in Nashville, the future governor, at age 26, was elected to the Chickasaw legislature in 1877, according to a 1940 article by John Bartlett Merserve in *Chronicles of Oklahoma*.

Palmer Mosley was known as one of the most efficient and capable interpreter among the Chickasaws and began serving as National Interpreter in the fall of 1884 when Gov. Jonas Wolf was elected. He served in this position for 24 years.

Besides serving as Gov. Wolf’s interpreter, Mr. Mosely also served as Wolf’s National Secretary from 1892-1894.

Mr. Mosely was elected Superintendent of Schools in 1885 and was also a trustee of the Wapanucka Academy.

Elected for his first term as Chickasaw governor in 1894,



MARKER AT THE GRAVE OF GOVERNOR PALMER SIMEON MOSLEY

now-Gov. Mosely succeeded Gov. Wolf just one year after the laws which created the Dawes Commission were passed by Congress.

Gov. Mosely urged the legislature to pass an act to authorize sending a Chickasaw delegation to Congress during a Jan. 28,

1896, speech, according to *the Minco* (I.T.) *Minstrel’s* Feb. 7, 1896, issue.

“In view of the fact that the Dawes Commission has made a strong report in favor of destroying our tribal autonomy and a delegation of non-citizens having been sent to Washington to urge upon Congress the passage of town site laws and other legislation detrimental to the welfare of our people...I deem it my duty to especially urge upon you the necessity of a representation or representatives being sent by our nation and trust your honorable body will concur with my views and pass some act authorizing a delegation to Congress,” Gov. Mosely said.

Governor Mosley did not seek a second consecutive term in 1896 but supported former Governor Wolf his bid to re-claim the governorship.

Robert M. Harris was chosen to succeed Gov. Mosely, who then went to work as vice president of the Bank of Tishomingo.

He still took part in tribal affairs after his first term. Elected

to the tribal senate, Mr. Mosely was a member of the delegation which met with the Dawes Commission and was one of the signers of the Atoka Agreement.

In 1902 Gov. Mosely was elected for a second term and took office Sept. 1, 1902. Favoring the Supplemental Agreement, he changed the course of history for the Chickasaw Nation when he immediately called a special election on the issue of the allotment agreement.

Voters made the decision Sept. 25, 1902, to approve the Supplemental Agreement, which helped save the Chickasaw Nation millions of dollars of its own assets.

During his last term, Gov. Mosely lived at Wapanucka and retired to his family’s farm near Bromide. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Gov. Mosely died at age 57, on Oct. 3, 1908, and is buried in a family cemetery northeast of Bromide.

Described as “a man of medium build and of a pleasant, agreeable and tolerant poise” Gov. Mosely was twice married to Lizzie Holloway, and after her death, Amanda Greenwood.

He was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2000.

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Council House Museum displays 1970s-era crafts discovered on the web



Ceramics and traditional pottery are displayed together at the Chickasaw Council House Museum “Homeland” exhibit. Together they illustrate the adaptable nature of the Chickasaw tribe. Painted in southwestern motifs popular during the 1970s, these signed items were purchased by the museum from Internet auction site eBay 40 years after they were created.

In the early 1970s a group of Chickasaws came together to share tribal knowledge and make a little extra cash. Known as the Chickasaw Arts and Crafts Group, members sold their hand-crafted wares to tourists at community events, Native American festivals and other social gatherings in the state.

Little did they know that more than 40 years later their goods would continue to be sought after and sold on the web from as far away as Ohio and Louisiana.

Active for roughly five years in the 70s, the Chickasaw Arts and Crafts Group had more than 20 active members, with others drifting in and out over the years. According to the “*Indian Tribal*

Series” The Chickasaw People, the group was sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation to improve the economic status of its citizens by providing training and commercial outlets for those with “Native Skills.”

The group met at Tishomingo and Ardmore Community Centers, as well members’ homes. For approximately five years, they produced hundreds of one-of-a-kind items. These included many hand-painted ceramic objects painted in Southwestern motif popular at the time, many of which can be viewed at the Council House Museum.

The Chickasaw Arts and Crafts Group did more than provide an income for its participants. It

brought tribal members and families together to pass on Chickasaw traditions, language and art. It was a grassroots movement that helped to bind small bands of Chickasaw together with larger communities.

“Governor Overton James was supportive and saw the benefit of Chickasaw Arts and Crafts Group. He felt the group had more to offer than a souvenir industry within the Chickasaw Nation,” museum registrar Beverly Brigham said. “They were a way to keep Chickasaw memories, traditions, language and customs alive as different families came together to share their crafts.”

Many of the hand-painted ceramics produced by these Chickasaw artisans are currently on display at the Chickasaw Council House Museum.

Among those involved with the group and whose work is on display at the museum is Tishomingo resident Leona Wilson. Mrs. Wilson learned and shared techniques while participating in the Chickasaw Arts and Crafts Group as a young woman.

Mrs. Wilson continued her crafts long after the group disbanded. A Chickasaw elder, Mrs. Wilson is a Native American beading expert. She shares her expertise, stories and traditions with others within the tribe, some of which she learned attending the Chickasaw Arts and Crafts Group.

“Mrs. Wilson’s crafts illustrate the success of the early Arts and Crafts Group,” museum man-

ager and curator Flora Fink said. “Her story shows the ability of the Chickasaw to learn and pass down knowledge from one generation to the next. Those who were involved in the group are now our elders, passing down cultural knowledge to younger generations.”

According to Mrs. Brigham, signed pieces of Mrs. Wilson’s crafts produced while a member of the Chickasaw Arts and Crafts group have been acquired by the museum from the Internet website eBay. A popular online auction, eBay has items for sale from across the world.

“It was a real shock when we found signed ceramic pottery from Mrs. Wilson on eBay for sale. We spoke with her and she didn’t know they were for sale. It’s amazing to find Chickasaw items created in Tishomingo 40 years ago being sold as far as Louisiana and Ohio,” Mrs. Brigham said. “Someone had bought these items and were reselling them with enough foresight to add they were Chickasaw pieces in the descriptions. We bid on them brought them home.”

Many other items have been purchased from the website to be displayed at the Chickasaw Council House Museum. These include rare time period photos, letters from affluent Chickasaw leaders, political correspondence and a replica of the Presidential Peace Medal presented to Chickasaw leader Piominko by President George Washington more than 200 years ago.

Chickasaw Council House home to Museum Store

Like most museums across the country, the Chickasaw Council House is home to a gift shop. However, to call it merely a gift shop would be an injustice. Lining the walls and inside the glass display cases are items almost exclusively created by Chickasaw citizens.

“We are a tribal museum. Our museum store reflects this. Most everything we have for sale is Chickasaw made,” Mrs. Fink said. “Gift shops have mass produced paraphernalia, things made in China. Our items are handmade and carry the theme of the Chickasaw Council House Museum.”

Items for sale at the museum include one of a kind dance drums, baskets, Native American themed art, fine jewelry, beadwork, moccasins and other items of Native American regalia. For those with a sweet tooth, Bedré Chocolate can also be purchased.

“We purchase items from the senior sites to be sold in our museum store. It is an outlet for Chickasaw elders to sell their crafts,” Mrs. Fink said. “With what they sell us they can buy more materials to use for making items, and is part of their fundraisers to help pay for community trips.”

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Note of Thanks

Please accept my most sincere thanks for allowing me to continue serving you as your Pickens District legislator! I am deeply honored by your vote. It is a real privilege to serve you...each and every day! Thank you very much for your vote, your support and your continued engagement with our beloved Chickasaw Nation!

Connie Barker
Pickens District

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Note of Thanks

Thank you! I appreciate each and every one of you who helped me to be re-elected as your Pontotoc District Seat #3 Legislator. I am honored to be able to serve you for another three years.

Respectfully
Katie

Chickasaw
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Note of Thanks

It's an honor to serve my fellow Chickasaws and I very much appreciate you returning me to our Chickasaw Tribal Legislature. Thank you!

Dean McManus
Pontotoc District

Chickasaw
Tribal
Legislature



Note of Thanks

Your vote for me is very much appreciated. Thank you for returning me to our legislature and allowing me to serve you as your Tishomingo District representative.

Steven Woods
Tishomingo District

Chickasaw
Tribal
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Note of Thanks

I am so proud to serve you in our Chickasaw Nation Judicial Department. I very much enjoy serving you and all Chickasaw people in our tribal court system. Thank you!

Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon
Chief Justice
Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court

Chief Justice
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Note of Thanks

The support you showed me in our Pontotoc District election was simply tremendous. Thank you so much! We didn't win this time, but I am so pleased to have met and talked with many, many Chickasaw friends. Thank you for your vote!

Dr. Karen Goodnight

'Changing of the guard' at Durant health clinic subject of discussion at Panola District Senior Center

Down in the Panola District things have been happening! The Senior Center hosted a home made ice cream tasting contest. We had samples of cherry pecan, strawberry, vanilla and cinnamon vanilla. I'm not sure a winner was chosen but there was a lot of ice cream consumed! Recently, representatives from both the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nation visited the Panola District Senior Center, and held an information meeting to discuss the upcoming changes of the tribal health clinic in Durant, Okla. As was reported in last month's *Times*, the Durant Clinic will experience "a changing of the guards" starting October 1. The Chickasaw Nation has operated the Healthcare Clinic since its conception and will be turning it over to the Choctaw Nation.

On August 15, Mr. Bill Duckworth gave an informative and interesting lecture on The Colberts - Mississippi to Indian Territory. He shared history of the Colbert Families and their importance to the area. They suffered many hardships but were able to start a community, grow crops, build homes and settle in this territory. Mr. Duckworth is known in this area as a historian. He has spent many hours researching Chickasaw history. Just last September, I ran into Bill and his wife, Lawanda in Tusculumbia, Alabama. They were on a "Chickasaw fact gathering" vacation! Bill is always willing to share on his favorite subject!

Tribal elections are over! (And I still have my traveling partner, Pontotoc Legislator, Katie Case!) Thank you to all of the citizens who participated in the elections. While elections can be stressful for the candidates, it is, however, a great time to get in a visit with citizens. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or need information.

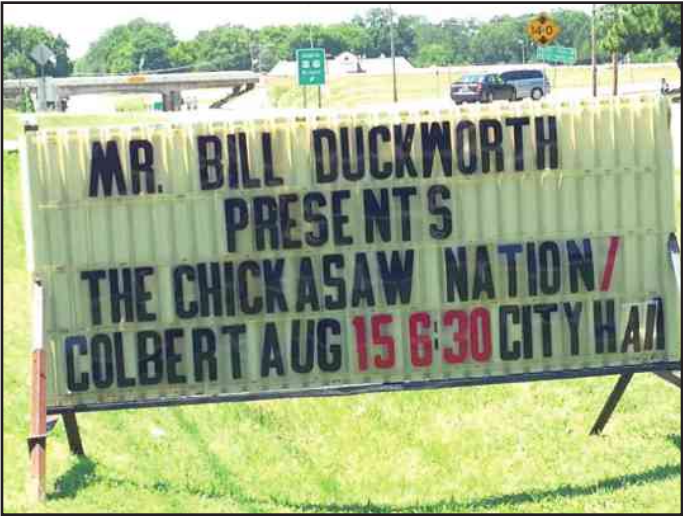
A special thank you to Mr. John Cole for taking time out of his busy schedule to share the history and location of the Harkins - Bynum cemetery. This one was located in the back of a large pasture. It was a trip thru the woods, over the hill, across the stream and thru the closed gate. (I was riding shotgun and had to do the gate!)

For God so loved the World, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who so ever believe in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

Beth

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Voting time offers opportunity to analyze system and develop new ways to optimize delivery

Hello Everybody! I hope this letter finds you and your family well. It is so good to talk with you on this side of the campaign and election. Thank you all for your prayers, support and votes. Ours was truly a victory of the Chickasaw people.

As promised in last month's article, I want to begin to share lessons learned from the campaign trail in this month's article and in the months to come.

Several voters expressed the desire for more time between the time that the ballots are mailed out to voters and the day that the ballots are counted. While most voters received their ballots within a day or two of the mailing date, we heard from a significant number of voters who did not.

The way the mail works, first class mail should arrive at its destination no more than four business days after it is mailed. So, it could and should take no longer than 8-10 business days to receive your ballot, vote, mail it back and for it to be received in Ada, OK.

On the current voting schedule, however, and the scenario outlined above, there are only 4 days left to correct a ballot-receiving problem.

This is not a new problem. Voters have voiced frustration with this in the past. Therefore, fellow legislator Beth Alexander, from the Panola District, and I will propose a resolution to extend the voting response time. We believe that if Chickasaws take the time to vote, there should be adequate time for their vote to be received and counted.

As Chickasaws, the right to vote in tribal elections is our birthright and our voice in tribal government. As my grandpa would say, "If you don't vote, you can't complain."

According to the election commission report, there were 9,766 issued ballots in the Pontotoc District in this latest election and the accepted returned ballots totaled only 3,517.

Everybody's vote is important and everybody's voice deserves to be heard.

Each one of you is important to me, and I look forward to hearing from you and getting to see you at the upcoming Chickasaw Festival at Tishomingo, OK.

Respectfully,
Katie

KATIE
CASE

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Chickasaw girl shows initiative in raising funds for Wounded Warriors

Greetings from the Pickens District! I would like to thank every Chickasaw citizen who exercised their right to vote during our annual election. We have a great number of citizens who vote each time, but we can always do better. We fought for our right to have our own government several decades ago. Let's use every opportunity to make our voices count and support the candidate you feel is best equipped to serve our people.

A few months ago, I wrote about finding various ways to serve your community. I found a young Chickasaw citizen who is doing just that. Lauren Austin, an 11-year-old from Ardmore, started a fundraiser last year in Tishomingo, where her father and his family reside. She set up a lemonade stand next to The Pink Pistol store. The lemonade was free, but she asked for donations to support the Mutt Nation Foundation, created by Tishomingo's own Miranda Lambert. Mutt Nation is a donation-supported organization working to end pet suffering and homelessness. This year, she raised money for the Wounded Warrior Project. She has raised almost \$1,000 between the two events. Lauren says the reason she sets up her lemonade stand

is because she is blessed with a supportive family and wants to give back to others who need the support. What a blessing it is to know this young lady. If you would like to donate to the Mutt Nation Foundation or the Wounded Warrior Project through Miss Austin, you can visit her website at www.laurenlemonadestand.com.

He gives generously to those in need. His deeds will never be forgotten. He shall have influence and honor. ~Psalms 112:9

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Legislator Shana Hammond with Chickasaw citizen Lauren Austin, of Ardmore. Lauren operated a Lemonade stand in Tishomingo to raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project.

Chickasaw Annual Meeting, Festival offer week-long celebration of our culture, chance to see old friends

Chukma!
Greetings from the Tishomingo District!
It's September and a time when Chickasaws from all walks of life begin to think about our upcoming Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival.

This week-long celebration allows all Chickasaws to reunite and celebrate our unique culture and heritage. Festivities kick off this year Sept. 26 and in keeping with our long-standing custom, culminate on the first Saturday in October, Oct. 4.

Dating back to the days when Annual Meeting was conducted at Byng School, Chickasaw Annual Meeting serves many purposes: we are informed of our tribe's progress at State of the Nation and we have an opportunity to celebrate our culture, traditions and heritage with each other and our friends and neighbors. Now conducted in our historic capitol, Tishomingo, Chickasaw Annual Meeting begins at 9 a.m. Oct. 4 on the campus of Murray State College.

The parade down Tishomingo's Main Street which follows the Annual Meeting gives everyone a chance to line the streets and join in the celebration.

A wide range of afternoon activities are offered for all ages; and include traditional activities such as stickball and cultural demonstrations, children's activities and Chickasaw art displays.

Many people enjoy participating in the Horseshoe or Softball tournaments, or the traditional Cork Stalk Shoot at Kullihoma. Still others meet for friendly competition and fun during this week at the Junior and Senior Olympics.

Festivities during the week offer a glimpse into our historic places - such as the Chickasaw Capitol and Council House Museum as well celebrations of Chickasaw art and culture at the Southeastern Art Show and Market.

Cultural Evening and the Arts and Culture Awards are just two of the outstanding events held at our beautiful Cultural Center in Sulphur.

The new Chickasaw Princesses are also selected during the Chickasaw Princess Pageant during the Festival week. These young ladies serve as exceptional Chickasaw Nation ambassadors and we appreciate all of the young ladies who have served for their time, commitment, hard work and dedication.

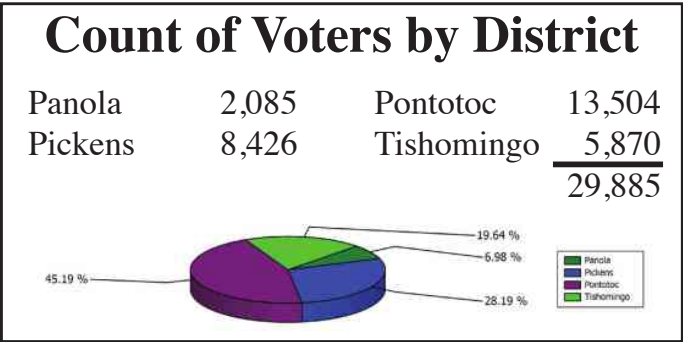
We should take pride each day in the progress we have made together each and every day, but especially during our Chickasaw Nation during Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival.

Hope to see you there.
For more information about Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival, you can call (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

Thank you once again for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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Our tribe, all the Chickasaw people are greatly blessed by the Creator with the essential things of life

Chukma, chinchukma, Hello, how are you?
"As Chickasaw people, we recognize the blessings we have received are from God. Today, we take an opportunity to give thanks for the blessings that have been bestowed upon our great Nation."

Those were the words spoken at the first Chickasaw Nation Day of Prayer. The people who gathered under a tent on a beautiful, warm August day in Tishomingo, Oklahoma represented many tribes and ethnic groups, but were united in the purpose of acknowledging and thanking God for His many blessings.

This year, the event was held at our beautiful Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma. The day could not have been more perfect, as Aba' Binni'li' sent cooling rains and breezes to chase away the August heat. Again, we were united in spirit as prayers went up for our great Nation. The Chickasaw Nation has indeed been blessed by our Creator, Chihooowa'.

All we have to do is look at the state of the world today to see how many people are living with no hope for the future. Our businesses continue to do very well, in spite of the economy, thereby creating many jobs for our people. We are able to provide many opportunities for our children to become educated. We are able to explore more ways to preserve our culture and language. We are truly a "blessed" people. I hope you will join me in thanking God for our many blessings.

I hope you all are making plans now to come to the Annual Meeting and Festival on October 4. This is a great time to renew acquaintances, to immerse ourselves in our traditional culture, and to acknowledge those special people who have given unselfishly of their time and resources to preserve our culture and teach those coming after them the ways of our ancestors.

While you're in Oklahoma, be sure to visit all of our historic places, museums and art galleries. We should all take advantage of every opportunity we're given to learn as much as we can about our culture and pass it on to our children and grandchildren.

I hope to see you all at the Festival! Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisala' cho anowa, Until I see you again,
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Don't miss out on great financial support opportunities through the Department of Higher Education

Chokma,
Hope everyone has had a wonderful summer! School is now back in session and before we know it the Chickasaw Festival will be here.

Even though college is already well underway at this time for the fall semester, I would like to remind everyone that is attending college or have children in college to make sure and check out the funding opportunities through our Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Department and the Chickasaw Foundation. The Chickasaw Nation does an excellent job in providing students with the resources they need to go to college and beyond.

The Higher Education Department provides scholarships for tuition, clothing, textbooks, and laptops. They also offer the Life-time Scholarship which is a service payback scholarship. Remember all of these scholarships and grants are based on a good solid GPA. The Chickasaw Foundation offers numerous scholarships for almost every college major that a student might be obtaining. You can go to chickasawfoundation.org to acquire more information. These scholarships will be listed on the site around April 1 of next year, so mark your calendar. You don't want to miss any deadlines!

If you are looking to obtain a career in the health care field, Indian Health Service offers a number of scholarships. Some of the IHS scholarships have a service payback program, where you are required to work a minimum of two years with them after graduation. This information is available on the ihs.gov website.

These scholarships pay for tuition, books, and also provide a stipend check each month you are enrolled in school. Even though some of these are service payback scholarships to Indian Health Service, sometimes the individual can get the opportunity to work for his or her own tribe.

I personally years ago was a recipient from all three sources that I have mentioned. These scholarships and grants allowed me to obtain my bachelor degrees and doctorate degree. If you have any questions regarding these scholarships or grants, please give me a call anytime.

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Wonderful 98th birthday celebration at Ada Senior Site; Foundation hosts annual scholarship reception

Chukma and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. This has been a great summer in the Chickasaw Nation. Our rain has been better than normal and everything is still so green and beautiful.

The Ada Senior Site hosted a 98th birthday celebration for our oldest participant, beloved elder Ruby Milligan Cooper McKinney. Cake and ice cream were served by Ruby's family. Ruby had eight children: Betty and Bertie have predeceased her and the survivors are Jane of Dibble, Oklahoma, Ginger, Patsy, Tom and Dale, all of Ada. Ruby has been coming to the Ada Senior Center since early in 1985. Ruby's parents were Caroline and Raymond Milligan. She has the most grandchildren of any participant at the Ada site.

Legislator Nancy Elliott and I attended the Connerville Community Council meeting in July. We love attending the Connerville meetings.

The Chickasaw Foundation held its annual reception for scholarships at McSwain Theater. The number of Foundation scholarships seems to increase every year. Scholarships are given to students in a large variety of studies and they are available for any Chickasaw student wherever they may be located. Applications are made through the Chickasaw Foundation whose contact information is listed on the www.chickasaw.net web site.

This is the first year a scholarship for a law student was given in memory of my son Jess Green. I established the scholarship after he passed away last year. The recipient is attending a law school in Houston, Texas to attain the Juris Doctor degree.

Most of the scholarships are established in the memory of family members. If you are interested in funding a scholarship in memory of a loved one, contact Johnna Walker at the Chickasaw Foundation for information.

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.



Ruby Milligan Cooper McKinney

Cultural Center offers 'World's Best Language,' Chickasaw film 'First Encounter' and much more

Chokma,
I hope all is well with you and your family. I recently attended several functions at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, and I am always impressed by the beautiful landscaping and grounds! The efforts of the staff, along with the rain we have been blessed with this summer, have the Cultural Center looking amazing.

The first event was a presentation on why Chickasaw is the "World's Best Language" by Catherine Willmond, member of the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame, and Pamela Munro, Department of Linguistics, UCLA. Their presentation was excellent, and I encourage everyone to pick up both books they have helped produce "Let's Speak Chickasaw: Chikashshanompa' Kilanompoli" a workbook that covers pronunciation, word building, sentence structure and usage, as well as "Chickasaw, An Analytical Dictionary, Chikashshanompaat Holisso Toba' Chi."

Alesha and I also attended the debut of "First Encounter." The film tells the story of the first contact the Chickasaws had with Europeans and why till this day our tribe is still known as - Unconquered and Unconquerable! Great work from everyone on the project. I can't wait for future installments of the Heritage Series, which will cover many periods of Chickasaw history.

"Honor, Tradition, Courage - Our People" is the theme for the Annual Meeting and Festival this year. I am looking forward to the events and good times when we gather together in Tishomingo, September 26 - October 4. I hope to see you.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family.
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Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

News from Chickasaw Nation Judicial Department

Chukma! What an exciting month August, 2014 has been for the Judicial Branch. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. September is upon us and that means back to school and the beginning of fall.

We are getting ready for the “Honor, Tradition, Courage, Our People” annual meeting in the Chickasaw Nation. This year’s Annual Meeting and Festival is scheduled for September 26, 2014 – October 4, 2014. Festival events and activities will continue through the following week.

The Judicial Department is looking forward to seeing our friends, family and new friends at the Festival. All the scheduled events and activities are wonderful so bring your family and let’s spend time together.



CHERI BELLEFEUILLE-GORDON

Chief Justice
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For more information visit: www.chickasaw.net/annualmeeting.

The Judicial Department is comprised of a District Court, Peace-making Court and the Supreme Court. The District Court hears cases involving adoption, guardianship, civil, divorce, and protective orders, name change, juvenile, Foreign Service, criminal, paternity and child support. Many times citizens want to file a probate in our court system and we do not handle probate issues. Oklahoma Indian Legal Services is a wonderful organization who can help answer many probate questions. To contact them call: 1-405-943-6457 or toll free (in state only) 1-800-658-1497.

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The Chickasaw Nation District Court provides a unique service by offering the assistance of Court Advocates for all matters properly before the Chickasaw Nation District Court.

In any action, one party must be Native American.

A non-Indian, either by the act of filing an action or by written consent, becomes subject to the jurisdiction of the Chickasaw Nation District Court.

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- 1. Provide legal advice.
- 2. Represent any party.
- 3. Go to court with any party.

AN ADVOCATE WILL:

- 1. Assist in preparing all papers for the Court filing.
- 2. Provide directions on service of the papers.
- 3. Provide information on presenting evidence to state your case before the Court.
- 4. Prepare orders or final decrees necessary to finalize the matter.

It is the responsibility of the party to the action to:

- 1. Make an appointment to meet with an advocate;
- 2. Provide truthful and complete information; and
- 3. Present their case to the judge.

The party to the action will also need to meet with the Advocate after an order is issued to assist with any follow-up paperwork.

The Chickasaw Nation court advocates assisted a total of 91 citizens in the month of June. Kymberly Cravatt is available at the Ada office. Advocate Michael Smith is available for appointments in Ada, Purcell and Ardmore. The court advocate services are available at no cost to the citizens. The advocates will prepare the necessary paperwork for the citizen; however, the advocates do not represent you in court. They are available to facilitate the court process and explain to you what to expect if you appear in court.

Special Judge Todd and the Chickasaw Nation Division of Child Support are now scheduling a child support docket to be held once a month in Ardmore, Oklahoma, the first child support docket to service the Ardmore area will be held on August 27, 2014.

If you are interested in filing an action in our court system, please contact the District Court Clerk’s Office at (580) 235-0279. The deputies will schedule an appointment with the court advocates for you upon request. You can always access the Chickasaw Nation Code at Chickasaw.net and then go to the Judicial Department webpage; the link to the Code is there for you to view the current laws of the Chickasaw Nation.

District News: July 2014 Court Statistics

- 43 New court cases filed
- 217 Cases Heard in court
- 91 Citizens were assisted by the court advocates

SUPREME COURT

Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon and Justice Mark H. Colbert attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ardmore on July 23, 2014.

Chief Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon attended the Chickasaw Nation Day of Prayer held at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, and August 20, 2014. Lighthorse officer and court bailiff, Sgt. Dusk Monetathchi was selected to master of ceremonies in the Chickasaw Nation Day of Prayer. He did such a wonderful job and I am so proud that he is part of our court family.

In the April article, I shared with you about my great-uncle, Wiley Seeley. On August 11, 2014, he passed away at the age of 90. Wiley Seeley, a full blood Chickasaw Indian, was born on December 8, 1923, in Pontotoc, Oklahoma to Walter Thomas Seeley and Mamie (Tushkatombi) Seeley. He was the last surviving child of Walter Thomas Seeley and Mamie Tushkatombi, original enrollees, and the only surviving full blood Chickasaw in the Seeley family. He was married to Sally Allen, who preceded him in death on March 19, 1989. He later married Irene Rodgers, who also preceded him in death on August 22, 2004. He had no children. He married Connie Samuels, Dallas, Texas in October, 2013. He attended school in Bellwood and Mill Creek, Oklahoma. He served in the Armed Services, in the Navy during World War II. After the war he returned home. He then attended Murray State College, Tishomingo, Oklahoma. He worked for a time in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma then moved to Dallas, Texas, where he lived the remainder of his life. He operated a successful landscaping business. He loved to play dominoes and



Wiley Seeley

loved watching sports on TV. He received a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. He was a favorite of his entire family, loved and respected by all and will be greatly missed. The Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard presented the flag to his surviving spouse. Bernie Seeley and Leslie Seeley did the ceremony; they were first cousins of Wiley. I’m dedicating this article in memory of my great uncle Wiley Seeley. He brought so much joy and love to our family.

On August 16, 2014, my son, Noah, was honored to meet one-on-one with Russell Westbrook, who plays for the OKC Thunder at the Devon Auditorium and was able to ask Mr. Westbrook a question and have his picture taken with him, alongside with his Sulphur High School Basketball Coach, Chase Todd. This event was sponsored by BancFirst. Noah is beginning his senior year and we are so very proud of all his accomplishments.

Again, it is my pleasure to report on a busy and successful month in the Judicial Department. As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chief Justice. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you.

CHIPISALA` CHO ANOWA means “Until I see you again”. Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon. Please contact me, I would love to hear from you (580) 235-0281 or cheri.bellefeuille-gordon@chickasaw.net.



Noah, right, with Russell Westbrook, center, and Sulphur High School coach Chase Todd.

Chickasaw Foundation seeks silent auction donations for ‘Friends of the Foundation’

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. The foundation is accepting donations for its silent auction during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 7, 2014. This reception is hosted annually to recognize donors and volunteers.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the foundation and its scholarship program.

In 2007, the foundation established the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship for any college student with a CDIB majoring in fine arts (arts, music, drama, dance).

If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

Memorial Donations

The Chickasaw Foundation was established in 1971 as a 501 (c) 3 organization. Every year the foundation receives many charitable donations, including memorial donations.

A memorial donation is a special way of remembering a loved one while helping others. Acknowledgement cards can be sent to family members, per your request, upon a donation being received by the Chickasaw Foundation.

Please contact the foundation office at (580) 421-9030 if you have any questions.

Chickasaw Nation to sponsor Ada Area Job Fair Sept. 17 at Pontotoc County Agri-Plex

The Chickasaw Nation will host the 15th annual Ada Area Job Fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pontotoc County Agri-Plex, 1710 N. Broadway, Ada.

Major employers that have participated in the Ada Area Job Fair include: The Chickasaw Nation, Dollar General Stores, Pontotoc County Department of Human Services, Arbuckle Truck Driving and Sulphur Veterans Center.

To prepare job seekers, the Chickasaw Nation and Ada Workforce Oklahoma have partnered to host “Interviewing Etiquette” classes before the job fair. Classes are scheduled from 10 a.m. until noon and 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., Sept. 17, at the Workforce Oklahoma Office, 1500 Hoppe Blvd, Suite 2.

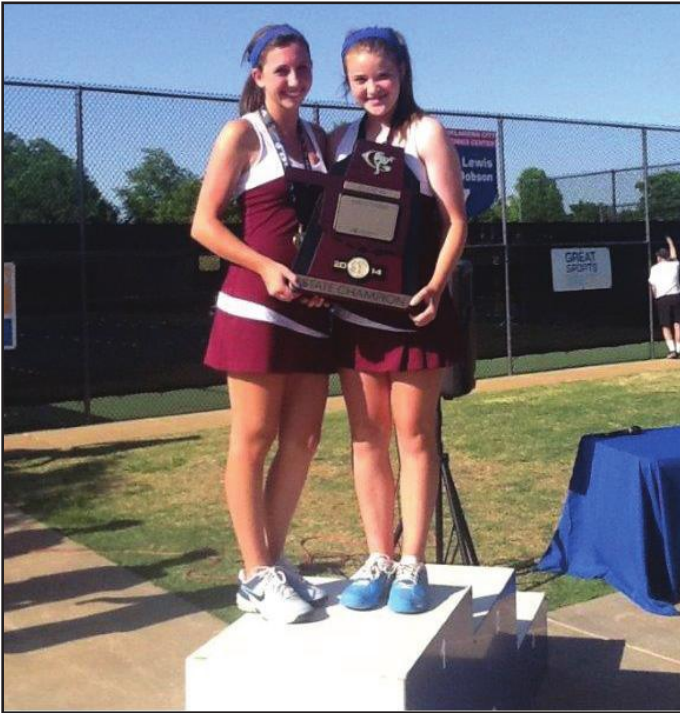
At past Ada Area Job Fairs, more than 50 employers have sought workers with varying levels of ability and education levels in a variety of fields including graphic design, communications, health care, finance, retail, transportation, customer service, distribution, mechanical, food services, construction, manufacturing, oil field, industrial maintenance and more.

This event is open to the public. Private rooms will be available for employers who wish to interview on-site.

The Ada Area Job fair is sponsored by The Chickasaw Nation, Murray State College, Workforce Oklahoma, Southern Oklahoma Workforce Board, Pontotoc Technology Center, Pontotoc County Department of Human Services, Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Call-A-Ride, Express Personnel and McCall’s Chapel.

For more information contact Darrell Walker at (580) 436-7291.

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Ada High School 4A state tennis champions Natalie Keel, left, and Karsen Sheffield with the coveted state doubles championship trophy.

Tribe’s tennis camp helps produce state champs

ADA, Okla. – Two shiny state championship trophies will be on display this year at Ada High School thanks to a tennis camp offered by the Chickasaw Nation.

The talents of two Chickasaws, Taylor Wood and Natalie Keel, are responsible for the 4A honors. Both honed their skills as youngsters at the Chickasaw Nation Tennis Camp.

Right before school ended for summer break, Taylor and Natalie won state championships, Taylor in singles action and Natalie in doubles. Natalie’s partner, Karsen Sheffield, rolled to victory with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Byng High School’s Kaitlyn Atkeson and Lanie McGaha.

Taylor captured the singles title winning the hard way. With a decisive 6-1 win in the first set, she found herself losing the second 6-0. It motivated her to knuckle down and take a 6-3 decision in the third set for the championship. She defeated Weatherford’s Jonna Vanderslice-Malone to take the title.

Taylor graduated this spring, but Natalie will be returning to AHS as a senior and is hoping for a repeat next May when state titles are on the line.

“It was very satisfying and we were thrilled,” Natalie said. “Karsen and I have worked very hard to be the best we can be and it paid off for us. We believed we were ready and we were, but it was a good match and Byng had a strong doubles team.”

The difference may have been Natalie and her partner played a far more difficult schedule than Byng played, she said, thus preparing them for state title hopes.

Ada’s tennis competition last spring resembled a school in 5A or 6A. Teams such as Edmond North, Duncan, Heritage Hall and Cascia Hall were among the squads on the schedule.

“By playing better teams, we believed we could win,” Natalie said. “From the very start, we worked well together,” she said of her partner. “We both like playing the net and we both like falling back to set up the attack for the other.”

Natalie and Karsen will team up again in 2015-16. Natalie will be a senior and Karsen a sophomore.

Natalie also excelled in Tennis during the Jim Thorpe games in June.

She and Taylor teamed up to win first-place medals in doubles, and Natalie won first in singles and finished second in mixed doubles. The Thorpe games are comprised to Native Americans who compete in a wide range of sports. This year’s action took place in Shawnee.

All in The Family

It wasn’t that long ago there was an all-Keel blitz for Ada High School in doubles competition. When Natalie was a freshman and her sister, Allison, was a senior they were state runners-up in doubles competition.

“Even though we didn’t win it all, it was a special time for me. Competing with my sister was awesome and something I’ll never forget. We came close. We were disappointed but fortunate we had an opportunity to compete on the state championship level together,” Natalie said of the experience.

It was the Chickasaw Nation that nurtured them.

Carolyn Nimmo, a skilled instructor who remains a mentor to many young Chickasaws, took Taylor and the Keels under her watchful eye and turned them into state-caliber tennis competitors.

“I started going to the Chickasaw Nation Tennis Camp in fourth grade,” Natalie said. She recalls the dedication of Mrs. Nimmo and remembers improving steadily. “I must have hit a million tennis balls in those camps,” Natalie said.

Overall, Ada has seven state championship tennis trophies in the Lady Cougars’ display case on campus.

While another year of high school is just about to begin, Natalie is looking ahead to college. She may obtain a scholarship and she may compete on a college level. Deciding whether or not to compete is the difficult question now.

“If I don’t play, I would like to attend the University of Oklahoma,” she said. She will pursue an education degree and teach at an elementary school.

While it will be several months before tennis lovers will get to see her compete on the court, she will be a regular on the sidelines at all the home sporting events in Ada. She’s on the Ada High cheerleading squad.

“I love doing it (cheerleading) but it does make me a little nervous,” Natalie said.

Cheering is a sport all its own, particularly as teams begin experimenting and practicing what is termed “stunting.” Stunting is where girls tumble, flip, are thrown, build pyramids and perform cheers that could injure them.

More elaborate stunts are rehearsed by colleges, but overall a recent *Time* magazine article pointed out the sport has a dubious distinction: it has the fastest growing injury rate of any other sport with injuries up 700 percent over the last five years.

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Making the most of education

Chickasaw family home schooling, engaging tribal programs



Jacob Nichols learned to love flying while attending the Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA). Students are provided with training on flight simulators while at the academy, culminating in flying real airplanes. Jacob currently is taking private flight lessons to earn his pilot's license.

The Nichols' household is as All-American as they come. Joey and Milissa are small-business owners in Ardmore, Okla. The couple has three children and the family can often be found in the great outdoors when their busy schedules allow. The Nichols care deeply about their children's instruction and are among a growing trend in American education. They have chosen to home school their children once they complete eighth grade at a private school. "For us, home school made sense," Mrs. Nichols said. "The private school our children attend only goes to the eighth grade. We like the Christian-based program of the school. Jacobs's home school is an extension of Jacob's private school, a continuation of the curriculum we are used to."

Jacob, 15, is the oldest of the children and their first to be home schooled. He no longer has to rush to get to school in the morning. He doesn't have to worry about pop quizzes or showing up to an exam he didn't study for. Although he does not have to deal with the mundane stresses of high school, Jacob's education is every bit as strenuous as what is offered at a public school. His school day starts at 7:30 a.m. and ends around 1:30 p.m. He watches videos of prerecorded classes and completes daily lesson plans covering five core subjects. He keeps a workout log for his physical education requirement. On a scheduled basis, tests are sent to an independent organization for review and performance evaluation.

"Our schoolwork is accredited through A Beka Academy," Mrs. Nichols said. "It has the same accreditation as the private school Jacob attended. It follows a proven method of learning and has educational guidelines we follow. It allows an outside body to review his work. I monitor his daily assignments and homework, and every nine weeks he takes a test that is sent straight to A Beka for grading and graduation requirements." Jacob supplements his education with many activities outside the home. For more than nine years he has played guitar and is a member of his church band. He is currently taking flying lessons and is a member of the Chickasaw Nation robotics team that meets at the Science, Technology and Math (STM) Academy. "Jacob has been involved with the STM Academy a little over three years," Mrs. Nichols said. "He started when they had a team in Ardmore. Little did I know how involved Jacob was going to become with robots. Once we saw how much he enjoyed it, we drove from Ardmore to Ada three times a week. Sometimes more depending on practice, competitions and special events." According to Jacob, the time at the STM Academy influenced his decision to take flying lessons. Jacob has also participated in the week-long Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA) and Space Camp in Alabama. "I like flying. I am taking flight



Jacob Nichols, 15, of Ardmore, has been playing guitar for more than nine years. His church band has been won an invitational to perform this summer at the National Talent Expo for Pentecostal Church of God in Baltimore, Md.

lessons out of Oklahoma City. I fly in a single engine Cessna," Jacob said. "The first time I flew was at CNASA. That counts toward my flight time needed for my pilot's license." As much as Jacob likes to fly, he also likes to build things. An active member of the Chickasaw Nation robotics team, he can often be found designing, building and programming the complicated parts needed to make his team's robot successful. When not playing his guitar or at the STM Academy, he is tinkering in his private workshop his parents made for him. Jacobs's future plans include earning a mechanical engineer-

ing degree from the University of Oklahoma. The Nichols' involvement with the Chickasaw Nation goes beyond the STM Academy and the tribe's many educational programs. As a Chickasaw citizen, Jacob is able to engage the same programs and services provided to all children his age. Jacobs's hard work and success in academics continue to be recognized by the tribe. He is a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club. This honor is presented to students who receive high marks on report cards. As a citizen in good academic standing, Jacob is eligible for the Chickasaw Nation Youth Clothing Grant. The grant provides Chickasaw students \$200 annually for school clothes. Shirts, shoes, pants, coats and backpacks are a few of the items that qualify for purchase. Short-term plans for Jacob include being involved in the Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth Program. The summer program places Native American youth, ages 14-21, in local businesses to help them gain real-world experiences. Businesses willing to work with and teach the Chickasaw youth have the child's wages paid for by the tribe.

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19th Century 'Chick-Chock' boundary stones located

Anthony Prince made an amazing discovery while exploring property recently purchased near Allen, Okla. Roaming aimlessly to get the feel of his land, he found himself deep inside a rough creek bed within a large stand of overgrown trees. Looking up from the creek, an unnatural rock protruding from the steep bank caught his eye. With a uniform shape eight inches square by one and one-half foot tall, Mr. Prince knew this man-made rock must have been placed in the inhospitable location for a reason. Climbing up the overgrown bank, he ran his hand over the inscriptions chiseled on its surface and read the weathered words, "Chick" on one side and "Chock" on the other. Little did he know he was touching a rare historical artifact. This stone had been placed by the Chickasaw Nation representing the reestablishment of tribal lands and separation from the Choctaw Nation more than 150 years ago. "What he had found was an original stone boundary marker placed between the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations," Chickasaw Nation GeoSpatial Information Specialist Brian McCurdy said. "It is something special. The land to the west of this marker belongs to the Chickasaws and the land to the east the Choctaws. We only know the exact locations of 10 of these original survey markers.

Most have been destroyed by the elements or cleared by farmers." A total of 65 markers were positioned - one per mile - to identify the boundaries between the two nations. They were placed by surveyors hired by the Chickasaw Nation after the tribe purchased the western portion of the Choctaw Nation in the mid-19th century. Most survey markers have not survived because they were not stone but were symbols carved into live trees and timber in the area. "The surveyors of the time used existing trees to carve surveying symbols known as hack and blaze markings into their trunk," Mr. McCurdy said. "Markers from this time period are rare. The trees have been cleared for farmland or the marks (in trees) have naturally grown over. All the survey markers we have identified are made of stone survey monuments." To date, 10 stone monuments have been rediscovered by the Chickasaw Nation. Records of their locations have been updated to include state-of-the-art global positioning coordinates and detailed photographs. This includes one found near Kullihoma currently on display at the Council House Museum in Tishomingo, Okla. The Chickasaw Nation began searching in earnest for survey monuments more than a year ago. Like crime scene investiga-

tors, staff members of the GeoSpatial Information Department (GIS) use a combination of common sense, 21st century technology and old-fashioned leg work to find the stone monuments. Using advanced software called ArcMap, original 1871 maps provided by the federal Bureau of Land Management are superimposed onto current topographic and survey maps. This allows Mr. McCurdy to approximate where the markers are located and who currently owns the land. "The original maps and surveys are great," he said. "Considering the technology surveyors used in the 1870s, the markers locations are almost spot-on where they should be. Stone monuments are typically within 100 feet of where I thought." Accuracy is important when in the field. A few of the stone monuments are located deep in Oklahoma's overgrown wilderness. It can take up to half a day to hike to and scout a single location, with the seasons playing havoc on the process. "We began field work last summer," Mr. McCurdy said. "It took me most of the morning to walk through the overgrown meadows and tree stands to even begin searching for the first monument. It was late afternoon before I found it. The temperature was well into the 90s and I left my water in the truck. I was worn out." Field searches were suspended until the winter months when heat exhaustion and dense vegetation wouldn't be a concern. Before field work begins, GIS identifies current owners of the property where stone monument markers are suspected to be located. As the border between the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, permission from two separate owners is often needed before employees enter the properties. "Many markers are near or on the property lines of two separate owners," Mr. McCurdy said. "We contact both to get permission to look for the markers. Most are excited to learn about their property and are happy to let us have a look around. They get really excited if we find a marker." Of the 65 locations where markers are located, only two have not been searched.

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Stone of demarcation

Currently on display at the Chickasaw Council House, this group of stones served to mark the 57th mile boundary between the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations. Nestled in the hardwoods native to the Kullihoma area, the Chickasaw Nation worked with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to remove the marker and replace it with a brass marker in 1999.

Health care managers available to At-Large citizens, elders for program information

Chickasaw citizens living outside the tribal boundaries or Chickasaw elders over age 60 can access Tribal Health Resource Management Case Managers at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. These managers are available to answer questions regarding Chickasaw Nation health programs. **At-Large Chickasaw Citizens (all age groups)** If you are a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries and would like more information on Chickasaw Nation Department of Health programs and services, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager at (800) 851-9136, ext. 61097. **Chickasaw Elders Age 60 and Older** If you are a Chickasaw elder over the age of 60, and live within tribal boundaries, contact Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at (800) 851-9136, ext. 80110.

Chickasaw Nation Launches MOMents App for Mothers



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Exhibit runs through Oct. 24 at ARTesian Gallery

‘Native Voices’ exhibit explores Indian health



From left, Governor Bill Anoatubby, National Library of Medicine Director Dr. Donald Lindberg and Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Health Dr. Judy Goforth Parker at the Native Voices Exhibit in the ARTesian Gallery in Sulphur, Okla.

SULPHUR, Okla. – Chickasaw Nation and federal government officials joined in a special ceremony opening a nationally acclaimed exhibit on Native health.

Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined by National Library of Medicine Director Dr. Donald A.B. Lindberg on Aug. 26 to unveil “Native Voices: Native Peoples’ Concepts of Health and Illness.”

The exhibit is open to the public at the ARTesian Gallery and Studios, 100 W. Muskogee Street in Sulphur.

Gov. Anoatubby and Dr. Lindberg hosted the opening celebration in the Artesian Hotel Banquet Room. The Chickasaw Nation is hosting the exhibit through Oct. 24. It marks the first time the

traveling exhibition has been displayed in the lower 48 states.

Produced by the National Library of Medicine, the exhibit explores the connections among wellness, illness and cultural life. Interviews with Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians and their artwork and objects are central to the exhibit. Interactive media assist the general public in understanding the connections.

“Within the Chickasaw Nation, health is highly valued,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “We have developed a culture of caring for one another through tough times and through times of plenty.

“We are honored that we have this exhibit available. This exhibit

is very, very interesting. In addition to that, people will be educated about how Native Americans view health in their communities.”

Indians residing in tribal villages, on reservations and in cities discuss land, food, community, Earth, nature and spirituality related to Native health. The relationship between traditional healing and Western medicine is also examined. Economic and cultural issues affecting Natives and efforts to improve health conditions are explored.

“This exhibition honors the Native tradition of oral history and

establishes a unique collection of information,” Dr. Lindberg said. “We hope visitors will find Native Voices both educational and inspirational. We hope Native people will view it with pride.”

The ARTesian Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission is free.

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Oklahoma Academy Key Contributor Award



Governor Bill Anoatubby, center, receives The Oklahoma Academy Key Contributor Award Aug. 22 at Tulsa Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center. U.S. Rep. Tom Cole, left, and University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma President John Feaver present the award. The organization was founded in 1967 by former Oklahoma Gov. Henry Bellmon to bring attention to policy issues and provide objective, thorough research on issues to be a catalyst for positive change.

Blending Indian heritage with fashion

Young Chickasaw takes fashion inspiration from Te Ata



Ryanne Jordan

From pucker-toed moccasins and deer hide dress to elegant dinner gowns and high heels, Mary Frances Thompson Fisher, better known as Chickasaw per-

former Te Ata, stunned her peers and audiences with her natural talent for story-telling enhanced by her versatile wardrobe.

Wearing traditional Indian clothing helped Te Ata transform into the performer who enlightened and captivated audiences. All the components of her wardrobe, from moccasins and beaded necklaces to authentic regalia, enhanced her performances.

Born in 1895, Te Ata grew up in a time and place where racial and ethnic prejudice was common and Native people were often treated as less than equal. Te Ata played a role in mitigating the prejudice toward Native Americans. She performed around the world, sharing the stories her father taught her when she was young. She incorporated many

tribes’ stories into her performances and honored their traditions.

In everyday life, Te Ata enjoyed keeping up with fashion trends and changes of the day. She was especially fond of fashionable hats. Her influence on young Indian women remains alive and well.

Chickasaw citizen Ryanne Jordan is a six-year participant in the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy. She is a multit talented artist who grew up with a strong interest in art. She developed a deeper interest in fashion around age 12 when she began to look through fashion magazines and blogs.

Miss Jordan grew up knowing the name Te Ata but never really knew who she was and why she

was so influential. She learned Te Ata’s story at the Academy during her junior year of high school.

“What I took away from learning about her was her passion for performance and story-telling along with her culture and how special the sharing of it was,” Miss Jordan said.

Miss Jordan draws inspiration from anything that is visually interesting.

“I find most of my influence through my heritage and nature,” she said. “Te Ata has a gorgeous face, which I quickly noticed and drew inspiration from.”

Other inspirations come from dynamic Chickasaw women Margaret Wheeler, Maya Stewart and Kristen Dorsey, all of whom she’s studied with at the Academy.

She also had the honor of re-

ceiving a scholarship to attend the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York three summers in a row. There she studied fashion illustration, personal marketing, global marketing and communication.

“I have gained so much knowledge, experience and confidence from all the workshops,” she said.

This was Jordan’s last year to participate in the Academy. She recently entered her first semester college where she is majoring in fashion.

She hopes to live and work in New York when she finishes her college degree.

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Payton Thomas nurtures dreams of success

Ten-year-old wrestler displays all-around Chickasaw warrior spirit



Payton Thomas and his Dad Tim were in Utah for a wrestling competition earlier this summer. Ten-year-old Payton raised funds to compete in the national Little League wrestling tournament after winning the Oklahoma state championship in his weight division.

McALESTER, Okla. – Ten-year-old Payton Thomas is a winner. In fact, he’s a state champion. The son of Tim and Christi Thomas

is also a seasoned fundraiser and those two factors are taking him down a path that could result in collegiate wrestling stardom.

He’ll have to finish grade school first, though.

During the second week of July, Payton was attending the University of Oklahoma wrestling camp, a results-driven event to train wrestlers to improve skills, escape difficult wrestling holds, take down opponents and compete with all the fiber they can muster.

“It’s just a great sport,” Payton said. “I’ve been around (wrestling) all my life.”

It only stands to reason the youngster has been around wrestling all his life. His father is the head wrestling coach at McAlester (OK) High and Junior High schools.

But recently, after winning the state championship in the 76-80-pound division during tournament action in Cushing, Okla., Payton decided to set his sights on national competition in Utah.

That trip wasn’t cheap. In fact, it was about \$2,000 expensive.

Undeterred, Payton set out to raise the funds. Using a system provided by Homeland grocery stores and working out of Norman, Okla., Payton not only

raised enough money for the trip, he also raised enough to take his mother and father along.

Payton was defeated in the semifinal match at nationals, but the experience paid “character dividends,” his father said.

Payton, his father said, has the wherewithal to be a champion.

“There is just something about him,” Mr. Thomas said. “He has a Chickasaw warrior spirit. He never gives up. He keeps fighting and practicing and honing his skills. We’re really proud of him and what he has accomplished. He has an attack style to his technique. He takes the match to his opponent.

“Payton has a true passion for the sport. His desire to win and compete makes him stand out and commands the respect of his peers and even coaches,” Mr. Thomas added.

Payton routinely grapples with a junior high school student on his father’s squad as school days near and weight room regimens and daily practices become reality.

“He has gone beyond what we believed possible,” Mr. Thomas said.

“The entire trip was around \$1,500 and that included the entry fee, team gear, gas, hotel, food, and a little spending money for him for a shirt and shorts,” Mrs. Thomas said. “He also raised enough to participate in the three-day OU wrestling camp. That was an additional \$415.”

Payton’s Chickasaw heritage is from his mother’s side of the family. Payton’s grandmother is Mary Catherine Chouteau (Rhynes) and his great-grandmother is Betty Lou Rhynes (Green). Both are descendants of Bryan Goldsby, an original enrollee.

Payton is extremely focused for a youngster. Mr. Thomas said his son had a love for aviation and his goal was to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy, wrestle on the college squad and eventually fly fighter jets.

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Chickasaw Home Loan Program makes for fast, efficient build

New home becomes a reality



Palmer Mosely and his family gather in the living room, Mr. Mosely’s favorite room in the house. From left, Palmer Mosely, Grayson Mosely, 2, Ethan Lovell, 11, Maverick Mosely, 5 months and Jennie Mosely. Not pictured: Palmer “Sim” Mosely.

ADA, Okla. - “Be it ever so humble there’s no place like home,” John Howard Payne wrote in the 1823 opera “Clari.”

For Chickasaws “there’s no place like home” is regularly made possible by the Chickasaw Nation.

Palmer and Jennie Mosely recently constructed their “forever home” after relocating to Ada from Anadarko, Okla.

Even for seasoned home buyers, the task is daunting. The Moselys were confronted with questions. Where do we want to live? How long of a commute is to work and school? What school district do we want to live in? Should we buy or build?

With help from the Chickasaw Nation Home Loan program, the answers were elementary.

“When we started looking at homes in the Ada area, we knew it was going to be our forever home,” Mrs. Mosely said. “We wanted something we absolutely loved. We decided to build and get exactly what we desired.

“The location where we built was based on the school district. We heard nothing but good things about it,” Mrs. Mosely said. “We were not able to find a home on

the market within the district we liked. We were looking to move pretty quickly and didn’t want to spend lots of time searching when we could build our home how and where we wanted it.”

It was the second home purchase for Mrs. Mosely. Ten years ago as a single mother, she purchased her first home in Anadarko which is outside the Chickasaw Nation. As a first time buyer, she made the 200-mile round trip from Anadarko to Ada to attend the home ownership class provided by the Chickasaw Nation.

“The class was phenomenal,” she said. “I didn’t have a lot of exposure to buying a new home. My favorite part was the question and answer session where we were able to ask any questions or air concerns we had.”

There was a difference between purchasing her first home and building the second.

“I had more contact with the Chickasaw Nation this time around,” Mrs. Mosely said. “We worked hand-in-hand with the tribe and the builder. We were on the phone and going to the office more to take care of paperwork.”

The partnership among the three was refreshing to the

Moselys.

“The builder and the home loan program of the Chickasaw Nation worked simultaneously,” Mrs. Mosley said. “Whenever our builder was ready to draw down funding for the next phase of construction, representatives from the Chickasaw Nation worked with him directly. There were four total phases and distribution of funds to the builder.”

Mr. Mosley added, “Our builder had worked with the Chickasaws before. He knew the process and their reputation. The builder explained we only had to worry about building the house, everything else would be taken care of.”

Building allowed the Moselys to pick and choose every aspect of their home. The floor plan, color and style of the brick, granite, tile and paint colors are just a few of the decisions made. They were able to have the perfect house for them. It is their dream house.

Approximately 75 percent of the homes in their neighborhood have been built by Chickasaw citizens with the tribe’s help, they said.

“I started work in November 2013,” Mr. Mosely said. “We needed to move quickly. We decided to build because we are going to be in this home for a long time. We decided to use the services provided by the Chickasaw Nation because of the reputation and we are both tribal members. We are pleased, it happened very quickly. The building process only took about four and a half months.”

With the building process complete, the Moselys have begun using other programs and services offered to them to make their home safer and have curb appeal.

“We have the application for the storm shelter, we plan on receiving one as soon as we can,” Mr. Mosely said. “We have had some landscaping done. The Chickasaw Nation laid 10,000 feet of sod and we have received plants, flowers and trees. We are able to receive supplemental plants and trees later on.”

The Mosely family believes the strength of the housing programs offered to the Chickasaw citizens is reflective of strong tribal leadership.

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Housing opportunities priority among Chickasaw families, Chickasaw Nation

The American dream is alive and well for Chickasaws. With support of the Chickasaw Nation, Chickasaw citizens, Native American tribal members and Chickasaw Nation employees attain the dream of home ownership.

The Chickasaw Nation has developed strategies to help Chickasaws from all walks of life own a home. As one of the oldest services offered to Chickasaw citizens, the housing programs have been refined over the years to allow for a wider range of assistance.

“Offering a wide range of housing opportunities to families has long been a high priority for the Chickasaw Nation because high quality affordable housing is essential to enhancing the quality of life of our citizens,” Governor Bill Anoatubby said.

The change in the law, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1998, allowed the Chickasaw Nation to provide and address specific needs of its people.

Prior to the change, the tribe was required to follow federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) services. Three services were offered at that time - a home ownership and two rental assistance programs. These programs did not allow individual tribes the ability to respond or address specific challenges of home ownership faced by tribal citizens.

Since humble beginnings, the original three programs for Chickasaw citizens have expanded to include numerous services today, all of which are managed and maintained by tribal employees. These include rental assistance, home rehabilitation services, home construction, home loans and counseling services.

“We have made considerable advances since the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act was passed,” Wayne Scribner, Secretary of the Department of Community Services said. “This Act gave us the authority to develop and administer services to better meet the needs of the people in our community. Today, we are able to offer a variety of services including home ownership and rental programs for low-income families as well as counseling and home loan services which are available to families of all income levels.”

Housing-related services are among the most important and successful programs offered to Chickasaw people. The home loan program, which is open to all Native Americans living within the Chickasaw Nation, Chickasaw within Oklahoma and Chickasaw Nation employees, has assisted in the closing of more than 1,175 home loans since 1998, and a total loan volume of more than \$121 million.

Chuka Chukmasi “Beautiful Home” Counseling and Loan Services

A home is the single most costly purchase for most families. Homes are tangible representations of future financial security. For the Chickasaw Nation, home ownership is a priority for citizens and employees.

For Chickasaws who have the financial means to purchase a home but have barriers to home loan approvals, the Chuka Chukmasi program was developed to set them on the path of home ownership.

“Meaningful employment and a secure home are two of the most important factors in quality of life,” Gov. Anaotubby said. “Home ownership offers a number of benefits, including a stronger connection with the community and a greater sense of financial

security.”

Chuka Chukmasi partners with private financial institutions to provide information to tribal citizens and employees that increases loan approvals rates, with better interest for the home buyer.

Chuka Chukmasi offers a variety of services, including those that benefit existing home owners. Chuka Chukmasi’s loans enable clients to purchase, renovate, build or refinance homes. The program does not have income guidelines and is available to Chickasaws throughout Oklahoma. The program is also open to Native Americans of other tribes who live within the Chickasaw service area.

The process of home ownership is daunting for first-time buyers. Counselors of Chuka Chukmasi understand the unique needs of Native Americans. They walk applicants through the necessary tasks and explain the process of purchasing a home step-by-step. Group seminars followed by personalized counseling allow staff to explain the options to becoming home owners.

To date, Chuka Chukmasi has closed more than 1,100 home loans and hosted 268 home loan seminars.

Chuka Chukmasi a Stepping Stone for other Housing Programs

Chuka Chukmasi counselors explain housing programs offered through the Chickasaw Nation. Among these are the closing cost assistance grant, the storm shelter and landscaping programs.

The cost of closing on homes can run into the thousands of dollars and is often the single most prohibitive barrier to home ownership. The closing cost assistance grant offers relief from the costs associated with home loans.

“The Chickasaw Nation provides the closing grant because we discovered many people across the country can afford to buy a home, but the barrier for home ownership is getting into the home, particularly for young families,” Mr. Scribner said.

Security and safety are important to home owners. It influences decisions on property to purchase. A home may be perfect, but lacks shelter during extreme weather.

Over the past decade, more than 1,850 shelters have been installed at Chickasaw homes. To be eligible, applicants must be Chickasaw and the shelter must be installed at the primary residence. There must be no outstanding debt owed to the Chickasaw Nation Department of Community Services.

To date, more than 900 shelters have been provided to Chickasaw families living At-Large.

Chickasaw home owners can enhance the appearance and value of their homes by participating in the landscaping program. Chickasaw Farms, located in Davis, Okla., grows a wide variety of flora, including flowers, trees, shrubs and grasses available for pick up.

“Chickasaw home owners, regardless of where they live, can pick up these landscape packages,” Chickasaw Farms manager Karla Windy Boy said. “These packages include three trees, six shrubs, three ornamental grasses and 12 flowers. They can also receive up to 10,000 square feet of first quality Bermuda sod.”

Home Improvement Grant Available for Existing Homeowners

Chickasaw home owners who have a total household income of less than 80 percent of the U.S. median income may apply for a home improvement grant of up to \$5,000. Available every two years, the grant provides homeowners the ability to improve both usefulness and overall value of homes.

Projects have requirements to be eligible. They must benefit home owners in a tangible way. New roofs, additional living space, storm windows and central heat and air units are typical Home Improvement Grant projects that qualify.

To serve the At-Large Chickasaw population, the Chickasaw Nation provides the same level of service for the Home Improvement Grant as those within the Chickasaw Nation.

Application deadline is September 19 Foundation announces scholarships

The Chickasaw Foundation is proud to offer funding assistance for college and pleased to announce the opening of five scholarships to be funded for the 2014-2015 academic year.

The Chickasaw Foundation Nonprofit Management Scholarship is for a full-time Chickasaw undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a four-year college. Student must be pursuing a nonprofit management degree/certification and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

The John Bennett Herrington Scholarship is for a full-time Chickasaw student with a GPA of 2.5 or higher in his or her junior or senior year at any four-year college or university. The student must be pursuing a degree in engineering, physics, chemistry, mathematics, geophysics, natural science or a related field approved by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees, and must have a demonstrated interest in

space aeronautics.

The Patricia (Trisha) and Greg Hays Educational Scholarship is for a full-time Chickasaw undergraduate student majoring in education or business administration attending a two-or four-year college or university with a grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

The Chickasaw Foundation Career Technology Scholarship is for a Chickasaw Nation employee enrolled in a career technology center or trade school. Student must be 18 years or older, a high school graduate and maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

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trade school, or any undergraduate program at a two- or four-year college/university.

Requirements and amounts for each funding source may change during the course of a school year. All scholarship applications and supporting documentation must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline date - September 19, 2014 - to be considered for funding.

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BIRTHS



Hayden Pearl Presley

Hayden Pearl Presley was born at 4 p.m., April 1, 2014 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada, Oklahoma. She weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz., and measured 19 1/2 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Joseph Jarrod and Calli-Jo Presley, of Ada.

She is the granddaughter of Joe and Brenda Jalufka and James and Janice Presley.

She is the great-granddaughter of Pete and Lahoma Presley, Gladys Thompson Connel, all of Ada and John Bowen, of Freer, Texas.

Hayden is the great-great-granddaughter of Bygimie (Perry) Parker an original Chickasaw enrollee.



Sunni Lane Hill

Sunni Lane Hill was born March 6, 2014 at 2:25 a.m. at Saint Mary's Hospital, Enid, Okla. She weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Seth and Jessica Hill.

Paternal grandparents are Dan and Brenda Hill, of Crescent, Okla.,

Paternal great-grandparents are the late Charles Joe and June Mae (Parnacher) Hill and Elton and Rosie Ellis, of Cashion, Okla.

Maternal grandparents are Ken-ny Hayes and Melissa Glen.

Maternal great-grandparents are the late David and Janet Hayes and Don and Sharon Glen, all of Pond Creek, Okla.

Sunni is blessed with lots of aunts, uncles and cousins.



Julia Mae Nunnelley

Julia Mae Nunnelley was born 8:58 a.m., March 19, 2014. She weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Chickasaw citizen Kathryn and Matthew. She joins her Chickasaw brothers, Taylor and Jacob.

She is the granddaughter of Sue Chapman and the great-granddaughter of Phyllis Thomas.

She is the great-great-granddaughter of Mary Seifried an original enrollee and the great-great-granddaughter of Julia Maytubby.

This little Julia respectfully takes her place among the Chickasaw Nation.



Samuel William and Samara Ann Warlick

Twins Samuel William Warlick and Samara Ann Warlick were born May 19, 2014 at St. John's Hospital, Tulsa. Samuel weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz. and Samara weighed 5 lbs., 4 oz.

Samuel and Samara are the son and daughter of Drs. Paul and Mahate Warlick, Ada, Oklahoma.

They are the grandchildren of Joe and Karen Warlick, of Tulsa, Judy Goforth Parker, of Ada and Don Parker, of Lawton, Oklahoma. They are welcomed by older brother and sister Tyler and Ashlyn Warlick, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

BIRTHDAYS



Chelsea Dalene Egge

20 young years and Walt's Chelsea is a dear! She waited for her own birthday and now she's grown! Happy birthday sweetheart!



Kent Smith, Ph.D.

A Chickasaw man has been honored with the Oklahoma Regents' Distinguished Teaching Award for dedication to training medical and graduate students.

Kent Smith, Ph.D., is of Chickasaw and Comanche heritage. He is an associate professor of anatomy, teaching classes in anatomy, sports medicine and vertebrate paleontology.

Dr. Smith founded Native Explorers as a way to interest Native Americans in careers in science and medicine.

Since 2010, Dr. Smith has mentored approximately 50 undergraduate and graduate students of Native heritage.

He is an affiliated research association at Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History and a member of the American Association of Anatomists, National Indian Education Association, Oklahoma Academy of Science and the Southwestern Association of Naturalists.

It marks the second time Dr. Smith has earned the award.



Walter B. Egge IV

It's been 50 long years, but shed no tears.

He's southern born and western bred and he'll be an Okie until he's dead!

Happy birthday Son!



N. Ruebin Orphan

N. Ruebin Orphan turned 80 on August 18 and was celebrated with family and friends.

He still enjoys bowling, hunting, spending time with family and going to his grandchildrens activities.

Happy 80th Love Your Family

Native American Awareness Expo and Career Fair



Governor Bill Anoatubby, left, receives a welcome from Choctaw Nation Principal Chief Gary Batton at the Native American Awareness Expo and Career Fair benefit dinner recently in Dallas. Gov. Anoatubby and Chief Batton attended the Expo which featured Native comedian Jim Ruel and Native motivational speaker Brian Frejo on Aug. 8. The event was sponsored by the Urban Inter-Tribal Center of Texas and Gilley's of Dallas.

Chickasaw two-sport star back for senior year



Jordyn Romine with his maternal grandfather, Dean Digby.

He just started his senior year at Davis (OK) High School, so the future looks bright for Chickasaw teen Jordyn Romine.

Jordyn, the son of Joe Romine and Jennifer Pierce, won the state championship trophy in 3A shot put during tournament action in May. Jordyn also was on the 2013 Davis High School football team that brought home a state championship trophy in December of that year in Class 2A.

Both of the trophies found homes in Davis following competition in Moore.

A strong supporter of all Davis sports, Jordyn's shot put effort

was cheered on by a large crowd from Davis who appreciated his support for others during the 2013 school year, his parents report. The winning toss was 47 feet and 10 inches.

Jordyn's paternal grandparents are the late Larry Romine and Darlene Romine, of McAlester, Okla.; his maternal grandparents are Dean and Barbara Digby, of Davis.

His great-grandmother, Irene Digby, of Davis, was honored in 2014 when she was inducted into the prestigious Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.



Kade Smith

Chickasaw takes events at High Plains Junior Rodeo

Kade Smith, a Post, Texas Chickasaw, has a few shiny belt buckles to display since winning several competitions in the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association

Finals held in Clovis, N.M., in July. Kade was named the 2014 Champion Year-End Header, taking home a nice saddle and buckle.

He didn't stop there. He also won the 2014 Reserve All-Around Finals Cowboy and

2014 Finals Champion Breakaway Roper and Reserve Champion Year-End Breakaway Roper.

Kade is the son of Weldon and Misty Smith, both of Post; grandson of Clabourne Beshirs and Judy Kelso, of Ralls, Texas, and Phillip and Brenda Estep, also of Ralls.

He is the great-grandson of O.C. Beshirs and Lucille Beshirs, of Achille, Okla.

Tulsa Shock show



Nan-Aiyyah Billey, second from left, entertained at the Women's National Basketball Association July 31 when the Tulsa Shock took on the Atlanta Dream during a contest. Nan-Aiyyah is the daughter of Annica Billey. Shown with the young entertainer are Ceci, Jude and Rick Schimmel. Jude, third from left, is a standout basketball player for the University of Louisville Cardinals.

CHICKASAW GRADUATES

Allison Shae Frazier



Allison Shae Frazier is a 2014 graduate of Konawa (OK) High School. She is the daughter of Mysti Splawn and Carey Frazier. She is the granddaughter of Jeff and Betty Frazier, Paul Splawn and Sue Jimboy.

She participated in extracurricular activities such as Native American Club, Family, Career, Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), and was the water girl for the Konawa High School football team.

Allison is attending Seminole State College this fall majoring in criminal justice.

Paige Kristine Wheeler



Paige Kristine Wheeler is a 2014 graduate of the University of Missouri - Columbia.

Ms. Wheeler graduated May 16 with a bachelor's degree in journalism/strategic communications with a minor in business.

Ms. Wheeler also graduated from the University of Missouri - Columbia Honors College receiving her Honors Medal in a second graduation ceremony May 17, 2014.

During her four years at Missouri, she was active in the Phi Mu Sorority, the Missouri Football Tigers Lair, the Missouri Basketball Zou Crew, and the Student Athletic Board. She also became a published author having her "Top Ten Financial Tips for a New College Grad" published on-line by Dr. Robert Weagley, Department Chair at the Department of Personal Financial Planning at the University of Missouri.

Ms. Wheeler accepted an offer to begin her career for Modern Media Concepts in Columbia, which specializes in print, electronic and social media in addition to recently purchasing a radio station.

Ms. Wheeler is the daughter of Diamond Wade and Vicki Wheeler. She is the sister of Diamond Max and Andrea Eleanore Wheeler and sister-in-law of Candace Morphew Wheeler.

Her paternal grandparents are Glen and Margaret Roach Wheeler and her maternal grandparents are Virginia Stanislaw and the late Robert Paul Stanislaw. Her great-grandparents were original enrollees the late Diamond Roach and the late Rubey Etta Massey Roach.

Ms. Wheeler wishes to thank the Chickasaw Nation for the support and encouragement she received throughout her entire education process including grants, scholarships and the summer internship program in Ada where she enjoyed working in Marketing for Headquarters and Commerce.

Wyas Goforth Parker



Wyas Goforth Parker is a 2014 graduate of Abilene Christian University (ACU).

He is the son of Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, of Ada, Okla., and Don Parker, of Lawton, Okla. He is the grandson of Nell Goforth and the late Bill Goforth. He is the great-great-great-grandson of Mahate Goforth, and the great-grandson of original enrollee Fred Wyas Goforth.

Mr. Parker graduated August 7 earning a master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. He received his bachelor's degree in mass communication with a minor in music from East Central University in the fall of 2009.

Mr. Parker worked as a graduate assistant in the Department of Marriage and Family Studies at ACU.

He hopes to join the Chickasaw Nation as a therapist and was a recipient of the Chickasaw Nation lifetime scholarship program.

Dr. Mahate Ann Parker



Dr. Mahate Ann Parker is a 2010 graduate of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine. She finished her residency through the University of Oklahoma, Obstetrics and Gynecology in May, 2014.

She is married to Dr. Paul Warlick.

She is the daughter of Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, of Ada, Okla., and Don Parker, of Lawton, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Nell Goforth and the late Bill Goforth. She is the great-great-great-granddaughter of Mahate Goforth, and the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Fred Wyas Goforth.

In her residency program, Dr. Parker was awarded the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists Special Resident in Minimally Invasive Gynecology by the OU faculty. In addition, she scored the highest inservice exam of her residency class. She is joining the Department of Health of the Chickasaw Nation as an OBGYN.

Making the grade

Higher education a priority for Chickasaw mother, son



Michele Tingle and son Joshua Tingle.

ADA, Okla. - Two Chickasaws have made higher education and educational excellence a family affair.

Michele Tingle is an 11-year veteran employee with the Chickasaw Nation and recently completed her master's degree in Human Resource Administration. With a 4.0 grade-point average (GPA), she was awarded her diploma in a May 10 ceremony on the East Central University campus in Ada.

Her 18-year-old son, Joshua, is just now embarking upon his higher education career after graduating with honors from Sulphur (OK) High School May 16 with a 3.5 GPA. Joshua is the subject of a Chickasaw Profile television spot. Aside from having a brilliant mind, his artistic side has earned him accolades as well.

Joshua has been away most of July attending the AT&T Summer Bridge Program. It is a four-week on-campus experience for students accepted into the University of Oklahoma who intend to study engineering. The camp is fashioned to assist engineering students with course work they face in August.

"I will begin classes in August. My plan is to complete the accelerated program in computer science engineering and obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in the discipline," Joshua said.

The Chickasaw Nation has provided Joshua with educational opportunities second to none. He has participated in the Metal Mayhem Robotics Team; Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi' (Growing Chickasaw Leaders); was elected to student council at Sulphur High in all years freshman through senior; member of the National Honor Society; Chickasaw Honor Club; Sulphur Honor Roll; awarded Chickasaw Nation Innovation Scholarship and Sulphur Rotary Club Scholarship and nominated for the dean's list award For Inspiration and Recognition in Science and Technology (FIRST).

The list of achievements does not stop there.

Joshua is a volunteer at various 4-H and Chickasaw Nation events, such as the annual 4-H Livestock Show; 4-H camp counselor; FIRST Lego Qualifier event, American Heart Association and Child Support Family Fun day and also was active in Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi' efforts with Habitat for Humanity in Oklahoma City.

He has won first place awards in 2D Youth Art at the Southeastern Art Show and Market, a staple activity during the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival; saw two of his illustrations printed in "Footprints Still Whispering in the Wind," a book of poetry by

Margie Testerman, and a nature photo he composed is on display at the Chickasaw Visitors Center in Sulphur.

"I am very proud to be Chickasaw and thankful for all the opportunities made available to me," Joshua said. "The Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA) program and the Chickasaw Nation Robotics have impacted me and helped me to find out what I wish to do as a career. Robotics has given me the opportunity to program, design and work with electronics. I have been told I have a knack for programming and my primary focus was programming and building. I think that by having these experiences since I was 12 is what truly influenced my decision to major in engineering."

As for Joshua's mother, her higher education work was rewarded in 1988 when she received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. The need to continue her education - despite completing Chickasaw Leadership Career Development on bronze, silver and gold levels - was always in the back of her mind.

"It took me a long time to decide to go back to school," Mrs. Tingle said. "After I started, I knew it would take me about two years, so I thought it would be pretty neat to graduate with my master's in the same year Joshua graduated high school."

"However, I am not too sure he thought it was as great as I did," she said with a laugh. "Thankfully, our graduations were not on the same day."

Mrs. Tingle has been active in the First Freewill Baptist Church and as alumni of Leadership Murray County Class IV. She has served on the Sulphur Chamber of Commerce Board and loves to read, swim and spend time with family. She and husband, Gary, have been married 20 years and have another child Kaitlyn, 14.

"I am so proud to be Chickasaw," Mrs. Tingle said. "Working 11 years with the Nation has been such a wonderful experience."

Chickasaw family has group of graduates



From left, Katy Blackmon, Madison McKenzie, LaDonna McKenzie and Lisa Blackmon.

One proud Chickasaw family has four levels of graduates in 2014.

Katy Blackmon is a graduate of Coalgate (OK) High School. Katy is a full-time college student at East Central University (ECU) and currently works for the Chickasaw Nation Child Care.

Madison McKenzie, earned her bachelor of science from East Central University, Ada, Okla. Miss McKenzie works for the Chickasaw Nation as a social worker for Family Preservation.

LaDonna McKenzie, earned a master's of business adminis-

tration degree with emphasis in health care administration from Mid-America Christian University, Oklahoma City.

Miss McKenzie works for the Chickasaw Nation as an Executive Assistant for the Division of Family Resources.

Lisa Blackmon earned a doctorate from the University of North Texas at Denton. She is a Children and Families Program Specialist for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ACF Department in Dallas.

The graduates are descendants of original enrollee Abe Ned.

CHICKASAW ROYALTY



Jacee Grace Underwood
Little Miss Chickasaw

Chukma!

I am Jacee Grace Underwood, your 2013-2014 Little Miss Chickasaw. This has been a really busy

summer for me and the princesses. In July we traveled to Choctaw Mississippi to the 65th Annual Choctaw Indian Fair. While we were there we attended the Choctaw Indian Princess Pageant and watched stickball. It was fun and exciting. We were taught the history of basket weaving and got to try and make a basket.

We then took our farewell trip to New York City! It was an amazing time to spend with the other Princesses. We did a lot of activities together. We took a sail boat around the Statue of Liberty and we all went to a New York Mets game! I rode a double decker bus and rode on the subway for the first time. My favorite part of the trip was when we went to watch

the Broadway play Cinderella.

We recently traveled to attend the 93rd Annual Inter-tribal Ceremonial in Gallup, New Mexico. While I was there we walked in two parades in downtown Gallup with the Chickasaw Dance Troupe. We walked three miles! I met many people from other tribes and shook lots of hands. I saw so much beautiful handmade jewelry from other tribes.

While in Gallup we watched the traditional talent competition for the Gallup Inter-Tribal Ceremonial Queen contest. We also watched dance performances in the amphitheater and evening performances in the main arena at Red Rock park.

Being Little Miss Chickasaw has

been an amazing opportunity for me. I have traveled all over the United States and met many people from different tribes. I have gained two sisters in Savannah and Faithlyn.

I am truly blessed to have been able to share these experiences with them. I am very happy and feel blessed to be an ambassador for the Chickasaw Nation.

Yakokay!
Jacee Underwood
2013-2014
Little Miss Chickasaw

Leslies celebrate Golden Anniversary



Danny and Helen (Schauer) Leslie on their wedding day, August 14, 1964. Inset current photo of Danny and Helen Leslie.

Danny and Helen (Schauer) Leslie celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Aug. 14 in Washington state.

The couple's daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Steve Powers, hosted a party with approximate-

ly 50 guests to help celebrate on Aug. 16 at Jim Sprick Nile Valley Park on the Chinook Pass near Naches, Washington.

Many family members and friends helped with event preparation which the couple observed was a "beautiful day with memories to cherish."

They also thanked all who attended for their love, fellowship and gifts, and for cards, greetings and well-wishes sent by friends and family unable to attend the celebration.

"Most of all, we want to thank God for our 50 years of love and blessings and our wonderful family and friends," they said.

Helen Leslie is the daughter of the late Leslie Schauer and Dorothy Fuss. Danny Leslie is the son of the late Fannie and Walter Leslie and grandson of Nannie Wade Leslie, a full-blood original Chickasaw enrollee, and William Leslie.

Chickasaw couple celebrates 55-year anniversary

SULPHUR, Okla. - Lots of love, trust and working together are the key components to a long marriage, according to a Chickasaw couple married 55 years.

Joe and Willie May Eddy, Sr., celebrated their special day July 12. Since 1959 they have been together.

"Our children threw a big party for us on our 50th anniversary," Mrs. Eddy said. "We didn't do too much for this anniversary but we will have another party when we celebrate our 60th."

The couple knew each other

a year before tying the knot in Denison, Texas. Within a year, the children began arriving. They are Joe Jr., 54; Ronald, 51; Patricia, 50; Jimmy, 48 and Tammy, 47.

Mr. Eddy retired from Halliburton and Mrs. Eddy retired from the Department of Veterans Affairs. They have resided in Sulphur all their married life. Mr. Eddy is 77 years young and Mrs. Eddy is 70.

The 55th anniversary is called "emerald." In five years, the Eddys will celebrate their "diamond" anniversary.

Chickasaw women lend expertise to conference

Two Chickasaw women will be among leaders at the Ninth Annual Circle of Nations Christian Leadership Conference Sept. 12-13, at Arrow Heights Baptist Church, 3201 South Elm Place, in Broken Arrow.

Women's praise and worship leader for this year's conference will be Shirley Falls of the Chickasaw Nation. In addition Sue Fish, assistant director of operations for the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum, will deliver a lecture at the gathering.

The Circle of Nations Christian Leadership Conference is a faith-

based group of Native American Christians from Oklahoma Churches throughout the state.

The conference starts with registration at 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. Registration includes conference material, Friday night hospitality buffet, a full luncheon Saturday, and many other amenities.

A complete agenda, program information and a downloadable pre-registration form can be found at www.circleofnations.net. Addition information may be obtained by calling Theresa Hinman at (918) 724-1952.

Haskell alumni reunion slated

The Haskell Indian Nations University Alumni Association of Oklahoma is planning a reunion Oct. 31 - Nov. 2 in Tulsa.

The gala affair will be in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7902 S. Lewis Ave. It is across from Oral Roberts University's Mabee Center.

A reception is planned at 6 p.m. Oct. 31 and includes a masquerade party and costume contest. It will start at 7 p.m. and top prize for the best costume is \$100. Second place will be awarded \$75 and third place \$25.

Saturday, Nov. 1, the annual meeting of the association will get under way at 10 a.m. That evening, dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and prepaid reservations are requested along with meal selection. A raffle drawing, auction and dance, featuring the music of Plano Larry and Ramona, are planned.

Spiritual singing will begin Sunday, Nov. 2, at 10 a.m.

For information contact Loretta Burgess at (918) 633-7030 or Carmen Ketcher at (918) 333-7483.

North American champion an avid trainer

Young Chickasaw excels at Muay Thai



Silas Carney is shown with 2013 and 2014 Muay Thai Boxing championship belts.

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. - A 10-year-old Chickasaw youngster is undefeated in four face-offs in the Muay Thai boxing ring.

Silas "Chickasaw Lightning" Carney is the 2013 Junior Lightweight and 2014 Junior Welterweight North American Muay Thai Boxing Champion.

The son of Matt and Danette Carney, of Broken Arrow, has been involved with the mixed marital arts experience for a little over one year. But, he's so good at it he has been invited to travel to Thailand and train for three months with Grand Master Ajarn

Surachai "Chia" Sirisute, the artist responsible for bringing the sport to North America.

Mom didn't like that idea, though, so Silas spends hours six days a week training at Extreme Thai Boxing in Bixby, Oklahoma. Under the watchful eye of trainers Khun Khru Sam Adams and Khun Khru Courtney Adams, Silas runs 5 to 7 miles a day, flips car tires, practices his lunges, performs an hour of ab work, spars for an hour, performs 300 kicks per leg and works on his boxing skills.

His championship bouts were in Des Moines, Iowa, in 2013-14. In the 2013 fights, he faced opponents from New Mexico and Arizona. Both fights lasted three rounds and were won by Silas in unanimous decisions rendered by judges.

In 2014, the opponents were from Winnipeg and Toronto, Canada. He defeated both handily in the first round of each fight by technical knockout.

Muay Thai boxing is not an "ancient" form of mixed martial arts, but its acceptance in the arena has gained audience popularity. It

is a combination of boxing, kick-fighting, wrestling, grappling and technique aimed at defeating foes quickly with lightning speed and efficient kicking and punching.

He wrestles for the Broken Arrow Takedown Club, beginning that sport in 2008 as a four-year-old.

"Wrestling helped his mental toughness as well as allowing him to be comfortable on the big stag with all eyes on him," his mother said. "He has wrestled in hundreds of tournament matches, multiple ones being national and state tournaments."

Silas' athletic skills include playing football and baseball for Lincoln Christian School in Tulsa.

"We are very proud of his accomplishments," she said.

Silas is the nephew of Jeff and Angie Gilliam, Gwen Carney, Norik and Michele Shahbandeh, Gary and Cheryl Weeden, and Mark and Cheryl Carney.

Silas has an older brother, Koi, 12, and two younger brothers, Tohmi, 6, and Gideon, 4.

He is the grandson of the late Rev. Raymond Carney and Paula Carney.

Foundation announces education scholarship



Patricia (Trisha) Fowler Hays and Phillip Gregory (Greg) Hays

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to announce a new scholarship: the Patricia (Trisha) Fowler Hays and Phillip Gregory (Greg) Hays Educational Scholarship.

This scholarship is for a full-time Chickasaw undergraduate student majoring in education or business administration attending a two-or four year college or university with a grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

This scholarship was established by Trisha Hays and Greg

Hays to promote and support educational opportunities for tribal citizens. The family believes this is an effective and powerful way to "give back" to the Chickasaw Nation for the educational support provided to them during their educational journeys.

Trisha Hays is a retired educational administrator and Greg Hays is the vice-president of a major U.S. corporation.

"If Our Citizens Grow Educationally; We Grow As a Nation"

WinStar honored for theatre venue

The Chickasaw Nation's WinStar World Casino is the 42nd best theatre venue globally, according to Pollstar's 2014 Mid-Year Top 100 Theatre Venue rankings.

The ranking is based on the number of tickets sold worldwide between Jan. 1 and June 30, Pollstar officials announced.

Patrons have regularly filled WinStar's 3,500-seat theatre in sold-out acts that included such stars as Dolly Parton, Ringo Starr and Oklahoma's own Vince Gill.

"We are honored to be named on the world's premier entertainment venues. Our mission is to bring in top-notice entertainers

and make memorable experiences for our guests," said Stephanie Callaway, global event center manager at WinStar.

For a complete list of upcoming concerts and comedy acts, go to www.winstarworldcasino.com/events/.

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Chickasaw Foundation announces scholarship recipients

The Chickasaw Foundation held their 11th Annual Scholarship Reception on August 5, 2014 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada, OK. The event was held to honor and recognize the 2014-2015 scholarship recipients. Ms. Savannah Burwell, Chickasaw Princess, Ms. Faithlyn Seawright, Chickasaw Junior Princess and Ms. Jacee Underwood, Little Miss Chickasaw, provided the Lord's Prayer in sign language, and Tina Cooper, M.D., vice-chairman, provided the welcome address. Presenting the awards to the recipients were the Chickasaw Foundation board of trustees and executive director, Ms. Johnna R. Walker. Music was provided by Mr. Christian Beeler.

Listed below are the 2014-2015 Chickasaw Foundation scholarship recipients:

Ataloe Memorial Scholarship - Ms. Meagen Cutting is a freshman at Rowan University pursuing a degree in theatre arts.

Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship - Mr. Cameron Burton is a senior at the University of Central Oklahoma majoring in music education.

Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship - Mr. Mathew Engle is a senior at Oklahoma Christian University majoring in history education.

Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship - Ms. Taylor Smith is a senior at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma with a double major in physical education and business accounting.

Bank2 Banking Scholarship - In Memory of Mr. Robert L. Walton - Mr. Jayce Miller is a junior at Southern Methodist University majoring in accounting.

Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship - Ms. Kayla Dillon is a junior at Shepard University majoring in accounting.

Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship - Mr. Marshall Graham is a freshman at Texas State University majoring in business.

Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship - Mr. Loudon Johnson is a freshman at East Central University majoring in business.

Bank2 Ta-ossaa-asha' Scholarship - Ms. Stephanie Johnson is a junior at Southeastern Oklahoma State University majoring in business management.

Janie Hardwick Benson Memorial Scholarship - Ms. Tristen Walker will be a freshman at East Central University majoring in nursing.

Wesley D. Brantley, Jr. Scholarship - Ms. Bobbie Hill is a junior at the University of Central Oklahoma majoring in psychology.

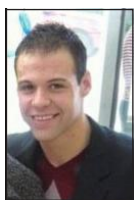
Wilson J. Brown Memorial Scholarship - Ms. Alyson Chapman is a freshman at East Central University majoring in criminal

Lula Bynum Bourland Memorial Scholarship - Ms. Autumn Gorrell is a senior at East Central University majoring in Native American studies.

Overton M. "Buck" Cheadle



Meagen Cutting



Cameron Burton



Mathew Engle



Taylor Smith



Jayce Miller



Kayla Dillon



Marshall Graham



Loudon Johnson



Stephanie Johnson



Tristen Walker



Bobbie Hill



Alyson Chapman



Autumn Gorrell



Cailee Canada

Memorial Scholarship - Ms. Cailee Canada is a senior at East Central University majoring in kinesiology.

Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship - Mr. Zachary Garcia is a junior at East Central University majoring in vocal performance.

Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship - Ms. Riley Cole is a junior at the University of Central Oklahoma majoring in strategic communications.

Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship - Ms. Calli Conti is a senior at the University of Texas majoring in marketing and theatre.

Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship - Ms. Lauren Griffin is a graduate student at East Central University pursuing a master's degree in clinical mental health and rehabilitation.

Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship - Ms. Laquisha Julian is a freshman at Northern Oklahoma College majoring in nursing.

Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship - Ms. Lindsey Post is a graduate student at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell majoring in healthcare.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants - Mr. Tanner Brannon is a freshman at Oklahoma City Community College with a double major in philosophy and theology.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants - Mr. Cameron Chavez is a senior at East Central University majoring in biology.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants - Ms. Addison Foster is a freshman at Mid-American Christian University majoring in early childhood education.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants - Ms. Whitlee Gibson is a freshman at Northeastern State University majoring in healthcare.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants - Ms. Sarah Pierce is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma majoring in speech language pathology.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants - Mr. Tres Ring is a freshman at the University of Memphis pursuing general studies.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants - Ms. Cherise Ross is a freshman at Tarrant County College majoring in education literacy.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants - Ms. Autumn Sanderson is a freshman at Schreiner University pursuing general studies.

Chickasaw Foundation Grants - Ms. Mildred Silsby is a sophomore at Central New Mexico Community College majoring in

Chickasaw Foundation Grants - Ms. Stevy Underwood is a freshman at Eastern Oklahoma State College majoring in psychology.

Chickasaw Foundation Health Professions Scholarship - Ms. Chandler Hawkins is a freshman at Christopher Newport



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University majoring in chemistry.

The Chickasaw Nation Ada Wellness Program Scholarship - Mr. Neil Tate is a junior at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville majoring in recreation and sports management.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Social Services General Educational Scholarship - Ms. Lauren McGahey is a freshman at Murray State College pursuing a degree in nursing.

Colbert Scholarship - Mr. Joshua Tingle is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma majoring in computer science.

Computercraft Corporation Scholarship - Ms. Annah Baykal is a sophomore at the University of Kentucky majoring in chemical engineering.

Computercraft Corporation Scholarship - Mr. Jacob Scribner is a senior at Stephen F. Austin State University majoring in biology/pre-medicine.

Division on Aging Scholarship - Ms. Lori Rodke is a junior at the University of Texas, Arlington majoring in nursing.

James and Carolee Cundiff Grants - Ms. Susannah Avy is a freshman at Salem College majoring in English education.

James and Carolee Cundiff Grants - Ms. Kaitlyn Douglas is a freshman at East Central University majoring in nursing.

James and Carolee Cundiff Grants - Ms. Rachael Howard is a senior at East Central University majoring in human services.

James and Carolee Cundiff Grants - Ms. Mercedes Milligan is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University majoring in fine arts.

James and Carolee Cundiff Grants - Ms. Mersadie Moore is a freshman at Northwest Missouri State University majoring in marketing.

James and Carolee Cundiff Grants - Ms. Kaitlyn Russell is a sophomore at Tarrant Community College majoring in elementary education.

James and Carolee Cundiff Grants - Ms. Dashanna Ryans is a freshman at East Central University majoring in accounting.

James and Carolee Cundiff Grants - Ms. Randy Stone is a graduate student at Southern Nazarene University pursuing a master's of business administration in healthcare.

James and Carolee Cundiff Grants - Ms. Alexis Walker is a freshman at the University of Central Oklahoma majoring in elementary education.

James and Carolee Cundiff Grants - Ms. Madison Wilson is a sophomore at East Central University majoring in human services counseling.

James Michael "Mike" Dunn Memorial Scholarship - Ms. Takeitha Jackson is junior at the University of Central Oklahoma majoring in psychology.

Ann Eubank Health Scholarship - Mr. Jeffrey Wells is a graduate student at Langston University majoring in physical therapy.

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Stevy Underwood



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Ithana (Education) Scholarship - Ms. Shelby Parnacher is a freshman at Connors State College majoring in general studies.

Ithana (Education) Scholarship - Ms. Madison Turner is a freshman at Texas A&M University majoring in accounting.

Lillian Fowler Memorial Scholarship - Mr. Brandon Post oak is a senior at East Central University majoring in biology/pre-physical therapy.

Bill Fryrear Memorial Scholarship - Mr. Timothy Pritchett is a freshman at Expression College majoring in animation and visual effects.

Jess Green Memorial Law Scholarship - Mr. Jeffrey Roeser is a graduate student attending the University of Houston Law Center pursuing his Juris Doctorate.

Donald D. and J. Wenonah Gunning Memorial Scholarship - Mr. Colton Smith is a freshman at Clemson University majoring in chemical engineering.

Stacie Lynn Hays Memorial Scholarship - Ms. Ashleigh Dunn is a senior at East Central University majoring in business administration management.

The Hill Group Scholarship - Mr. Micah Hart is a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma majoring in film and media studies.

The Hill Group Scholarship - Ms. Kristen Sisson is a freshman attending Murray State College majoring in dental hygiene.

Irene C. Howard Memorial Scholarship - Mr. Austin Mefford is a freshman at Oklahoma State University majoring in microbiology.

Vinnie May Humes Memorial Scholarship - Ms. Anna McCarty is a freshman at Franciscan University pursuing a degree in education.

Janet Shaley James Memorial Scholarship - Ms. Jessie Matthews is a freshman at Eastern Oklahoma State College pursuing general studies.

Judicial Scholarship - Law Student Scholarship - Ms. Morgan Gray is a sophomore at Texas A&M University majoring in political science.

Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aaisha Scholarship - Mr. Kasey Pierce is a graduate student attending the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, College of Pharmacy, pursuing his doctorate of pharmacy.

Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship - Ms. Katelynn Humphries is a junior at Southeastern Oklahoma State University majoring in elementary education.

Mitch Musgrove Memorial Scholarship - Ms. Jessica Richardson is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma majoring in business.

Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship - Ms. Mona Hutchinson is a junior at Portland State University



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David & Carolyn Nimmo Graduate Business Scholarship - Mr. Josh Newton is a graduate student at East Carolina University pursuing a master's of business administration in management information systems.

Mooniene Ogee Memorial Scholarship - Mr. Chandler Dawson is a freshman at Oklahoma State University majoring in secondary education in a foreign language.

Pearl Carter Scott Aviation Scholarship - Mr. Trevor Tedder is a freshman at Louisiana State University, Alexandria majoring in aviation.

Mitch Sperry Memorial Law Scholarship - Mr. Jimmy Culver is a graduate student at the University of Oklahoma, College of Law, pursuing his Juris Doctorate.

Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship - Ms. Mandy Nash is a graduate student at the University of Oklahoma pursuing a master of arts in administrative leadership.

Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship - Ms. Mara Yatsik is a graduate student at Western Washington University pursuing a master's degree in speech language pathology.

Homer "Dee" Wells Memorial Scholarship - Mr. Jeremy Franklin is a junior at the University of Texas, Austin majoring in petroleum engineering.

Kasey Pierce

Jessica Richardson

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Micah Hart



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CONNERVILLE Connerville Chickasaw Community Council Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m. Tony Poe, 580-421-4994	ARIZONA Chickasaws of Arizona Quarterly Meetings Angie Ott, 480-834-7309	NEW MEXICO New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council Quarterly Rita Yepa, 505-350-8372
KINGSTON Chickasaws of Texoma Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803	CALIFORNIA Southern California Chickasaw Community Council Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m. Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@so-cal.rr.com	OREGON/WASHINGTON Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council Quarterly Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401
Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council Monthly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570	Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection Quarterly Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182	TEXAS Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m. Charles Holland, 512-341-0024 Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m. Nancy McLarry, 830-537-4576 or 210-313-4576 npm@gvtc.com
NEWCASTLE Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council Monthly, 2nd Thursday Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m. Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303	COLORADO Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado Bi-Monthly Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637	North Texas Chickasaw Community Council 3rd Saturday, Bedford, Texas Sandra Williams, 817-688-6566 sandyntx@sbcglobal.net
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Chickasaw Foundation Fellowship Application

The Chickasaw Foundation announces the availability of the 2014-2015 Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture Fellowship application. The fellowship is for Chickasaw students or persons studying Chickasaw history and/or culture. It is for a one-week period of research to be conducted at the Holisso: The Center for Study of Chickasaw History and Culture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma. The fellowship will provide up to \$2,000 in expenses for room, board, hotel, airline tickets, etc., to the selected applicant. The deadline to submit the completed application is September 19, 2014.

Fellowships are awarded annually. All applicants are notified by mail of acceptance or denial. No information will be given over the telephone. If awarded, you will receive further instructions by mail. Failure to comply with all parts of the process, as described herein,

and all deadlines required for applicant eligibility will result in automatic denial of your application. Fellows will have from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015 to complete their fellowship.

To be considered for this fellowship, the applicant must be:

- Pursuing a master, doctoral or professional degree as a full-time student at an accredited graduate school in the United States OR preparing an academic paper, book or presentation on Chickasaw history and/or culture;
- Able to demonstrate a financial need; and
- A registered citizen of the Chickasaw Nation, a registered citizen of another tribe or Alaska village/corporation or affiliated with any tribe.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or visit their website, www.chickasawfoundation.org.

Chickasaw Learning Community open to OU, ECU students

Freshmen and sophomore Chickasaw students attending the University of Oklahoma and East Central University are invited to join the Chickasaw Learning Community (CLC).

Offered through Chokka' Kilimpi' Family Resource Center, the CLC offers students an expanded social network, leadership, volunteer, mentoring and internship opportunities and activities.

The CLC strives to connect Chickasaw college students to their Chickasaw heritage and culture, through a variety of cultural, social, academic and career development events.

In an effort to aid in college success and retention,

resources and advisement information is also available to CLC students.

Students involved in the CLC are encouraged to explore a career in the helping fields with the hope they will return to work with Chickasaw citizens and give back to the Chickasaw community.

Additional services provided by Chokka' Kilimpi' include therapy, counseling, cultural classes and wraparound services.

To obtain a CLC application or to learn more regarding membership requirements, visit www.chickasaw.net.

For more information about the Chokka' Kilimpi' Family Resource Center and upcoming events, contact (405) 767-8940.

Hunting seasons near; Kullihoma hunts set

KULLIHOMA, Okla. – It's a rite of passage for youngsters and a time to enjoy maturing children for parents.

Temperatures do not feel like it right now, but various autumn hunting seasons are right around the corner. Dove, quail, deer, pheasant, prairie chicken and other game will be in season for harvesting soon.

Dove season begins statewide Sept. 1. It is quickly followed by rabbit, Oct. 1, and by waterfowl, although seasons on duck and geese have not been established by the Oklahoma Wildlife Department yet. Since Oklahoma is divided into two recognized fly zones, duck and geese season are split into two separate start and end dates.

By far the most popular animal to hunt in Oklahoma is the elusive, fast-running and highly intelligent white-tailed deer.

It is also a favorite of Chickasaws, who have

hunted deer for centuries, but the seasons are split for deer as well. It all depends on what type of weapon is used to harvest them.

While most private landowners have discovered leasing land to hunters is a lucrative endeavor while most crops are dormant, there are public lands open to hunters.

Chickasaws enjoy a special place all their own at Kullihoma.

Special permit requests for Chickasaw citizens to hunt deer at Kullihoma must be submitted to the Chickasaw Ranger's Department by 5 p.m. Sept. 15.

Hunters must be a Chickasaw citizen and present a copy of their CDIB.

Chickasaw hunters wishing to participate may contact the ranger's office at (580) 310-6466 for more information. Permit requests may be picked up at the ranger's office, then mailed to 221 N. Rennie,

Ada, Oklahoma, 74820, or dropped off at the office prior to the deadline. Permits can be emailed at the hunter's request.

The following dates for deer hunting are:

Youth – Oct. 17-19. Youth hunters, ages 8-18, are welcome and must be accompanied by a parent.

Archery – Oct. 1 through Jan. 15, 2015.

Muzzleloader – Oct. 25 through Nov. 2.

Gun – Nov. 22 through Dec. 7

The camping area will open to hunters beginning Oct 1.

Kullihoma is a 1,500-acre Chickasaw tribal reserve once used as a stomp ground, school and community. It is located approximately 10 miles east of Ada off state Highway 1. Signs will direct Chickasaw citizens to the location.

However, public hunting is about an hour away from Ada at the Tishomingo National Wildlife Refuge.

Ducks, geese, deer, snipe, rabbits, quail and other game may be harvested but special regulations are required to enter the 3,000-acre plus refuge. By phoning the refuge office at (580) 371-2402, hunters will be provided written information about rules they must follow to hunt public areas located within the refuge.

Experts point out hunting preserves wildlife populations and ensure continued sustainability of many species. Oklahoma Wildlife officials have said deer populations in the state are growing. Quail and pheasants, however, have fallen victim to extremely hot weather and drought over the last few years and population numbers are down.

For information concerning hunting, seasons, regulations and types of weapons sanctioned by the state, visit www.wildlifedepartment.com/hunting/seasons.



Special Permit Request

Fall Deer Hunt on Tribal Land---Kullihoma Reservation

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____

State: _____ **Zip Code:** _____ **Vehicle:** Car--- or--- Truck

Make: _____ **Model:** _____ **Color:** _____

Year: _____ **Tag #:** _____ **Emergency Contacts#** _____

Circle Desired Hunts: Gun-----Muzzle Loader-----Traditional Bow/Arrow

Attach a copy of CDIB card.

The completed permit request and attached copy of CDIB card can be mailed to or dropped of at:
Chickasaw Nation Rangers Department, 221 North Rennie, Ada, OK 74820.
For more information call (580) 310-6466.

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Beth E. Harvey 813 E Franklin St Apt A Mahomet, IL 61853	Keith McQueary PO Box 1235 Kingston, OK 73439	Keyauntta Smith 3572 Jehovah Rd Ardmore, OK 73401	John P. Brooks 709 S Alabama Ave Okmulgee, OK 74447	James Hotema 4347 Willowisp Dr Norman, OK 73072
Joseph Henry 2441 NW 38th St Oklahoma City, OK 73112	Lisa R. Mitchell 601 N Oklahoma Ave Shawnee, OK 74801	Bobby Joe Taylor 1711 9th Ave NW Apt 103 Ardmore, OK 73401	Amber Burk 8312 Philadelphia Rd Rosedale, MD 21237	Jennifer Lynn Jones 258 E 52nd Pl N Tulsa, OK 74126
Ashley Hurlbut 314 N D St Duncan, OK 73533	Joseph Lynn Moore 611 S 8th Ave Apt 3G Madill, OK 73446	Roy Thomas 1809 Shadowbrook Cir Round Rock, TX 78681	Carol Lynn Callahan 3006 W Joy Ranch Rd Phoenix, AZ 85086	Sammy Lile IV PO Box 203 Harrah, OK 73045
Renay Jacobs HC 67 Box 127 Marietta, OK 73448	Katrina Norris 1912 NW 12st Apt A Oklahoma City, OK 73016 El A. O'Neal 15 Aberdeen Dr Mastic, NY 11950	Dovie I. Love Tillis 9933 State Highway 32 Marietta, OK 73448	Charli Conatser 5141 N State Highway 97 Sand Springs, OK 74063	Tanya A. Lucero 1608 Circle Dr Apt C Sulphur, OK 73086
Charles Hill Johns Jr. 9919 E Crystal Dr Sun Lakes, AZ 85248	Taylor Owen 1506 Concord Rd Ardmore, OK 73401	Mohola Turner 520 North Rd Trlr 36 Kennedale, TX 76060	Phillip Cravatt 2101 S Devin Lea St Stillwater, OK 74074	Conan Martin 48H Old San Antonio Rd Boerne, TX 78006
T. Kinney PO Box 1015 Kingston, OK 73439	Dorothy Peddycoart 201 N 29th St Duncan, OK 73533	Leonard Glen Vaughn 813 10th Ave NW Ardmore, OK 73401	Dakota Cryer 3301 N 1st St Durant, OK 74701	Clara Margaret McFadden 25 Mimosa Dr Sarasota, FL 34232
Pete Knight PO Box 484 Ardmore, OK 73402	Tisa Peevy 503 6th Ave NW Ardmore, OK 73401	Bridget Walters 1011 Switchyard St Apt 339 Fort Worth, TX 76107	Ranette Dane 6134 S 66th St Apt 1 Fort Smith, AR 72903	Brian Lloyd Mincher 815 Gerlach Dr Apt 1712 Durant, OK 74701
Nikea Lee 28886 N County Road 3170 Elmore City, OK 73433	Vanesha Peevy 503 6th Ave NW Ardmore, OK 73401	Cassius Williams 91 Shelly Ln Ardmore, OK 73401	Marilyn Edwards 469 Edgin Rd Bowie, TX 76230	Johnny Patton PO Box 243 Ravia, OK 73455
Marissa Lewis PO Box 263 Ardmore, OK 73402 Scott Marshall 352W 56th St Apt 4C New York, NY 10019	Jamie Porter 106 Horseshoe Bnd Leonard, TX 75452	Herma Jean Wilson 4242 US Highway 287 Access Rd N Sunset, TX 76270 David Wolfe 210 W Tishomingo St Madill, OK 73446	Benjamin Franco 1409 Richard St Mesquite, TX 75149	Holly Porter 410 Thunder Rdg Durant, OK 74701
Kirstin Jones McDonough 4854 Waterford Dr Fort Worth, TX 76179	Kathrine Rincon 2529 Tiffany St Stockton, CA 95206	Bobbie Louise Zacek 4422 S Alameda St Apt 41 Corpus Christi, TX 78412	Thor Mitchell Garrison 947 County Road 1651 # A Knoxville, AR 72845	Kari Smith 500 S B St Apt 23 Davis, OK 73030 Mona Lee Smith RR 5 Box 275 Coalgate, OK 74538
John McGee 1009 W Martin Luther King St Muskogee, OK 74401	Kenny Sean Robertson 17 Quail Ridge St Ardmore, OK 73401	Philip C. Agnew 4950 Ranch Rd 1376 Fredericksburg, TX 78624	Katherine L. Gastineau PO Box 443 Ravia, OK 73455	David K. Southard 210 E Tulsa Ave Sulphur, OK 73086
Sylvia McGee 4125 Augusta St Apt 119 Vernon, TX 76384	Chris Rodriquez 1934 E Peridot Pl Apt 1 Fayetteville, AR 72701	Michelle Beatson 51 Avondale Irvine, CA 92602	James Sherman Heath 6144 E McLellan Rd Mesa, AZ 85205	Leona Wilson 501 N Fisher St Tishomingo, OK 73460
Jeremy McIntosh PO Box 244 Sasakwa, OK 74867	Carolyn Denise Pettigrew Ruth 511 2nd Ave NW Ardmore, OK 73401	Anthony K. Beaver 914 E Tahlequah Ave Sulphur, OK 73086	Wylie Hill Jr. 1600 Circle Dr Apt B Sulphur, OK 73086	Eric Hill Mack Alford Correctional Ctr PO Box 22 Stringtown, OK 74569
Teresa McPadden 1111 79th St NW Bradenton, FL 34209	Julian Vaughn Safford Jr. 10 Summerfield Irvine, CA 92614			

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
July 18, 2014

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Steve Woods called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Jennifer Bryant, Lacey McFaddler, Sherrill Martin, Dana Lance, Brandon Postoak, Michael L. Wingo, Eddie Postoak, S. Ashley Large

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES -
June 20, 2014

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to approve the minutes of June 20, 2014.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of June 20, 2014, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
(A) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Toby Perkins

General Resolution Number 31-036, Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget - Fiscal Year 2015

This resolution approves the consolidated governmental budget for fiscal year 2015 in the amount of \$164,500,000.

A motion was made by Ms. Barker and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR31-033.

Mrs. Alexander expressed her opinion that the budget had not been reviewed by the Legislature, as a whole. Mrs. Briggs noted the conference with the Governor, at the Budget Presentation, was a review. Mr. Woerz noted as a part of that review it was announced some of the programs were being moved from the Health Systems Budget to Commerce. Mrs. Alexander stated the Budget Presentation was an overall presentation, not detailed. She encouraged the Body to review the budget together in detail.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR31-033 carried unanimously. Mr. Perkins concluded his report.

(B) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 31-033, Assurances for the Indian Community Development Block Grant Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Southern Plains Office of Native American Programs

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for an Indian Community Development Block Grant for a community facility funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the establishment of a Chickasaw Youth Club located in Sulphur, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve GR31-033.

Mrs. Alexander asked where the facility would be located. Ms. McManus stated she would procure that information.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR31-033 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 31-034, Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). This is virtually the same application which is submitted to the Legislature for approval each year. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans, and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980's. This resolution names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI with first alternate being Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel and the second alternate being Tribal Legislator David Woerz.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR31-034.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR31-034 carried unanimously. Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(C) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 31-035, Authorizing an Oil and Gas Lease to Stigler Gas Company for Arkansas Riverbed Acreage in Sequoyah County

This resolution authorizes and approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Stigler Gas Company, Stigler, Oklahoma. The lease will be for a primary term of three (3) years with a \$3.00 per acre annual rent for a total of \$33.57 per annum, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$4.19 per annum. The royalty rate is 1/8th (12.5%), of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive 1/8th of 1/8th (0.015625%) for all future production. A bonus of \$5,595.00 will be paid to the Nations, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive \$699.37. This lease will be automatically extended so long as oil or gas is harvested in "paying quantities."

This lease will be located on the Arkansas Riverbed and is jointly owned among the Cherokee Nation, the Choctaw Nation and the Chickasaw Nation, of which the Chickasaw Nation owns a one-eighth undivided interest. This is a lease negotiated by Charlie Robertson, executive director of the Arkansas Riverbed Authority.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR31-035.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR31-035 carried unanimously. Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

(D) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 31-006, Amendments to Title 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Court Rules)

This resolution amends Title 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code. The amendments will clarify the responsibilities for setting the compensation for Judges and the assigning of cases to the Peacemakers.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve PR31-006.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods
13 yes votes

The motion to approve PR31-006 carried unanimously. Mr. Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Woods extended birthday greetings to Mr. Perkins and Ms. McManus. Ms. Tiffany Postoak was acknowledged for serving the Legislature as an intern and she was presented with a gift.

Mrs. Alexander brought several items before the Legislature. She noted the two week turn around time for ballots to be returned was not enough, and other options should be available other than marking the ballot with pencil. She commented on the need to expand the Services at Large Program; also, she had received letters from inmates stating their difficulty in getting various departments to respond to their correspondence.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Barker, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by: Doretta Seller, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

AUGUST 2014 RESOLUTIONS

**General Resolution Number 31-037
Approval of Development Budget
Newcastle Gaming Addition**

Explanation: This resolution approves the development budget amount for the Newcastle Gaming Addition project in the amount of \$23,482,586.00. The development budget addresses the design, engineering, and construction of a new 30,000 square feet gaming addition. The building will house approximately 550 new electronic games along with related back of house support. The project will also include a 261,000 square feet six-level parking structure housing 786 parking spaces. 300 new spaces will also be added to the existing surface parking area.

Presented By: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

**General Resolution Number 31-038
Authorization for Combining Real Property in McClain County**

Explanation: Prior to a final plat being recorded a piece of real property was acquired in a Metes and Bounds legal description, as shown in "Exhibit A, Property 1." An adjoining property in the Lots and Block description was later acquired after the final plat was recorded, as shown in "Exhibit A, Property 2." The recorded final plat now describes both Property 1 and 2 as Lots and Block description. Therefore, this resolution authorizes the combination of the two properties for clarity reasons as described in "Exhibit B."

Property Location: McClain County, Oklahoma
Use: Parking lot

Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

**General Resolution Number 31-039
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County**

2013-2014 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.		
<u>Pontotoc District</u> Seat # 1. Toby Perkins 15810 CR 1569 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 399-2606 Cell Toby.Perkins@chickasaw.net	<u>Pickens District</u> Seat # 1. David Woerz P.O. Box 669 Ardmore, OK 73402 (580) 235-3240 David.Woerz@chickasaw.net	<u>Tishomingo District</u> Seat # 1. Scott Wood 204 East Main Street Tishomingo, OK 73460 (580) 221-1430 Scott.Wood@chickasaw.net
2. Nancy Elliott 620 Ann Ada, OK 74820 (580) 399-4374 Nancy.Elliott@chickasaw.net	2. Connie Barker 509 SW 7th Ave. Marietta, OK 73448 (580) 272-4175 Connie.Barker@chickasaw.net	2. Tim Colbert P.O. Box 773 Sulphur, OK 73086 (580) 421-7242 Tim.Colbert@chickasaw.net
3. Katie Case 14368 County Road 3597 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 272-8385 Katie.Case@chickasaw.net	3. Linda Briggs P.O. Box 241 Marietta, OK 73448 (580) 272-7268 Linda.Briggs@chickasaw.net	3. Steven Woods 5071 Gray's Road Davis, OK 73030 (580) 272-7270 Steve.Woods@chickasaw.net
4. Dean McManus 5980 CR 3430 Ada, OK 74820 (580) 235-2651 Dean.McManus@chickasaw.net	4. Shana Tate Hammond 1606 Southern Hills Drive Ardmore, Oklahoma, 73401 (580) 235-1438 Shana.Hammond@chickasaw.net	<u>Panola District</u> Seat # 1. Beth Alexander PO Box 246 Achille, OK 74720 (580) 272-7850 beth.alexander@chickasaw.net bethalexander22@hotmail.com
5. Mary Jo Green 2000 E. 14th Place Ada, OK 74820 (580) 310-4563 Mary.Green@chickasaw.net		

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Davis, Murray County Oklahoma, for historical and culture preservation described as:

All of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13 and 14, Block 31; and Lot 1, Block 51 and Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 52 in the City of Davis, Murray County, Oklahoma.

And
The E/2 of Lot 6 in Block 51, in the Town of Davis, Murray County, Oklahoma. More particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Lot 6; thence S 68°29'26" W a distance of 50.00 feet; thence N 21°30'34" W a distance of 140.00 feet; thence N 68°29'26" E a distance of 50.00 feet; thence S 21°30'34" E a distance of 140.00 feet to the point of beginning.

And
The East 60 feet of Lot 2, Block 51, in the Town of Davis, Murray County, Oklahoma. More particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Block 51; thence N 21°30'34" W a distance of 160.00 feet; thence S 68°29'26" W a distance of 100.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing S 68°29'26" W a distance of 60.00 feet; thence N 21°30'34" W a distance of 140.00 feet; thence N 68°29'26" E a distance of 60.00 feet; thence S 21°30'34" E a distance of 140.00 feet to the point of beginning.

Property Location: 210 North 5th Street, Davis, Oklahoma

Use: Historical and Cultural Preservation
Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development
Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

**General Resolution Number 31-040
To Rescind and Replace General Resolution 30-002**

(Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Jefferson County)

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to correct a legal description to cure a gap between the highway right of way and the property boundary in Jefferson County, Oklahoma. The property is correctly described as follows:

See "EXHIBIT A"

The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: Approximately .25 miles north of the Red River on Highway 81

Use: To be utilized for gaming
Presented By: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

**General Resolution Number 31-041
Approval to Participate in a Joint Venture Construction Program with the Indian Health Service to Construct a Health Care Facility in Duncan, Oklahoma**

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the Chickasaw Nation to participate with the Indian Health Service in its Joint Venture Construction Program. The program provides additional operating costs to run the facility once it is constructed and is ready to function. These additional operating costs are needed because the new facility will offer enhanced services that are not currently available.

Emergency Legislation: This resolution is needed immediately due to the fact that the pre-application deadline is September 12, 2014.

Presented By: Health Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
August 11, 2014**

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

**Finance Committee
August 4, 2014**

Present: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods

Absent: David Woerz

August 11, 2014

Present: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Steve Woods

**Health Care Committee
August 4, 2014**

Present: Shana Hammond, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Scott Wood

**Health Care Committee
August 11, 2014**

Present: Shana Hammond, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Scott Wood

**Land Development Committee
August 4, 2014**

Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods

Absent: David Woerz

Wanda Carney

Wanda Carney, 90, of Tannehill, Oklahoma died July 24, 2014, at her home. Funeral services were July 29 at Palestine Community Church. Burial was in Palestine Cemetery.

Mrs. Carney was born Jan. 31, 1924, in Quinton, Oklahoma to Omer and Stella (Watson) Roberts. She attended Tipton Ridge School and later graduated from Quinton High School. She attended business school in McAlester, Oklahoma and worked at the United States Naval Ammunition Depot, Arkla Gas Company in McAlester, Collins and Flood Engineering and retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone.

She married Alvie Carney on Jan 11, 1944, in McAlester and made their home at Tannehill after marriage.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma State University Extension Club of McAlester, Veterans of Foreign Ward Women's Auxiliary, Elks Lodge, Shriner's Wives and Wednesday Card Club.

She enjoyed bowling, cards, bingo and sewing.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Omer and Stella (Watson) Roberts; a daughter, Mary Ann Carney Harry; a brother, Melvin (Rocky) Omer Roberts Jr., and sisters, Betty King, LoEva

Thomas and Ossie Bruce.

She is survived by her husband, Alvie Carney, of the home; a son, Richard Carney and wife, Susanne, of McAlester; a daughter, Paulette (Carney) Groves and husband, Don, of Yukon; two sisters, Sue Anderson, of Quinton, and Gail Russell and husband, Charles, of Quinton; son-in-law, Robin Harry, of McAlester; four grandchildren, Rocky Groves, Mitzi Doster, Joshua Carney and Caleb Carney; and three great-grandchildren, Isaiah Doster, Kylie Groves and Lily Groves.

Pallbearers were Rocky Groves, Josh Carney, Caleb Carney, Mike Goings, Steve Goings, Josh Cloud, Chad Pryor and Casey Pryor.

Honorary pallbearers included Charles Russell, Don Groves, Nathaniel Thomas, Sammy Thomas, Drew Kidder, Ron King and Rich Goings.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of McAlester.

Joni LaNell Imotichey



Joni LaNell Imotichey, 53, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma died July 29, 2014 at St. Francis Medical Center, Tulsa. Funeral services were August 2, in the Herb Clark Memorial Chapel at Clark Funeral Service in Tishomingo, Oklahoma with Brother Randy Wade officiating, assisted by Brother Allen Beck. Interment followed in the Sandy Creek Cemetery with Rev. Eli McHenry, officiating.

Ms. Imotichey was born August 9, 1960 in Oklahoma City to Jerry Imotichey and Janis (McHenry) Imotichey. She graduated from Byng High School in 1978 and later from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma with a bachelor of arts degree in Journalism and French.

She worked for the Chickasaw Nation for many years at the Durant Clinic and other departments. She also worked as a nursing home aid and spent the last year caring for her grandmother, which was just as she wanted. Ms. Imotichey grew up attending church at Sandy Creek Presbyterian Church. She later attended Victory Life Church in Durant, St. Williams Catholic Church in Durant and St. Benedict Church in Tulsa.

She was of the Chickasaw and Creek Tribes.

She enjoyed all forms of the fine arts; music, photography, theatre, cinema, literature and art. Georgia O'Keefe was her favorite artist. One of her favorite hobbies was writing poetry and short stories.

She was preceded in death by her beloved grandson, Sully.

Joni is survived by her son, Joel Dameron of Durant and his father, John Dameron; her parents, Jerry and Janis Imotichey, of Fillmore, Oklahoma; three sisters, Jana Imotichey, of Tishomingo, Julie Imotichey, of Fillmore and Jeri Moore and her husband, Shawn, of Fillmore; her grandmother, Josephine McHenry, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; a nephew, Jonas Burns; and two nieces, Maya Grace and Madison Hope Moore; and other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Shawn Moore, Jonas Burns, Jeff Alberson, Son McHenry, Kyle Littlehead and Rob Briggs.

Online condolences may be sent to clarkfuneralservice.net

to Wilson. He married Ms. Vivian Stevens on July 8, 1955 at the First Baptist Church of Wilson. To this union arrived two boys, B.J and Mark. On February 7 of 1972, Vivian tragically preceded him in death.

Mr. Taylor worked for Citgo Oil for 38 years before retiring as a scheduling supervisor. After retirement, Bobby was selected as a member of the Professional Bowlers Association on June 6, 1993. As an accomplished bowler, he traveled extensively throughout the United States competing in various Professional Bowlers Association tournaments.

He was preceded in death by his mother Marie (Lofton) Lindsay and loving step-father RC "Cliff" Lindsay; grandmother, Rebecca Lofton; and most recently a son, B.J. Taylor - February 1, 2013.

He is survived by a son Mark Taylor and wife, Linda, of Lake Kiowa, Texas; daughter-in-law, Cindy Taylor, of Ada, Oklahoma; grandson Curtis Taylor and wife, Jill, of Ada; granddaughter, Lindsay Taylor, of Los Angeles; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Condolences may be sent online at www.alexanderfuneralhome.org

Basima Reynolds



Basima Reynolds, 77, of Meeker, Oklahoma, died July 24, 2014 at Shawnee, Oklahoma. Funeral services were July 28, at the Family of Faith Church, Shawnee, with Dr. Sam Matthews officiating. Burial followed in New Hope Cemetery, Meeker, Oklahoma. Services are under the direction of Parks Brothers Funeral Service in Chandler.

Mrs. Reynolds was born February 28, 1937, at Lawton, Oklahoma to Luther and Minnie (York) Reynolds. She married R.D. Reynolds on January 24, 1956, in Wichita Falls, Texas. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son; two brothers; and a great-great granddaughter.

She is survived by her husband of fifty-eight years, R.D., of the home; two sons, Rickey Don Reynolds of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and Roger Dale Reynolds of Shawnee; one daughter, Deloris Ann Reynolds of Shawnee; two brothers, Copeland Reynolds of Chandler, Oklahoma, and Robert Reynolds of Wichita, Kansas; seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

A guest book is available to share your memories on-line.

Please visit www.ParksBrothers.net

Wiley Seeley



Wiley Seeley, died August 11, 2014. Funeral services were August 18, at Colonial Baptist Church. Interment followed in Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Mr. Seeley, a full blood Chickasaw Indian, was born December 8, 1923, at Pontotoc, Oklahoma to Walter Thomas Seeley and Mamie (Tushkatombay) Seeley. He was the last surviving child of Walter Thomas Seeley and Mamie Tushkatombay, original enrollees, and the only surviving full blood Chickasaw in the Seeley family.

He was married to Sally Allen, who preceded him in death on March 19, 1989. He later married Irene Rodgers, who also preceded him in death on August 22, 2004. He had no children. He married Connie Samuels, Dallas, Texas in October, 2013.

He attended school in Bellwood and Mill Creek, Oklahoma.

He served in the U.S. Armed Services, in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war he returned home. He then attended Murray State College, Tishomingo, Oklahoma. He worked for a time in Oklahoma City then moved to Dallas, where he lived the remainder of his life.

He operated a successful landscaping business. He loved to play dominoes and loved watching sports on TV. He received a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. He was Baptist by faith, attended Sunday School and Church regularly and had read the Bible through several times.

Others preceding him in death were his parents; his brothers, Leon, Joe, Walton, Ben, Emmett and Otwell; and his sisters, Mary Ann Allen and Rose Vititow.

He is survived by his wife Connie Seeley, of the home; by two sisters-in laws, Viola Seeley and Iree Seeley, both of Sulphur, Oklahoma; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was a favorite of his entire family, loved and respected by all and will be greatly missed.

Warren Reed



Warren Reed, 87, of Ada, Oklahoma died July 19, 2014 at Wynnewood Care Center, Wynnewood, Oklahoma. A graveside memorial service was August 2 at Sealey-Blue Cemetery.

Mr. Reed was born January 31, 1927 at Tishomingo, Oklahoma to Amaziah and Mary (Lacher) Reed. He attended public schools in Sanger, Texas and Chilocco (OK) Indian School.

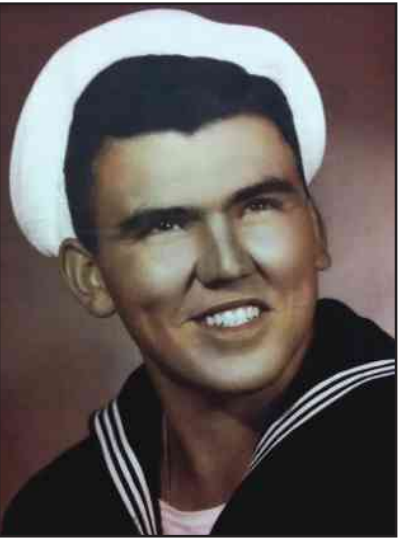
During World War II, Mr. Reed served in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force during the Korean war.

In more recent times he served the Chickasaw and other Native people by his heavy involvement with the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard. He also served as chairman of the Chickasaw Nation Community Council in Ada. Other involvements included serving as a deacon at McAlester Indian Baptist Church, Overbrook, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Stella (Jim) Reed; step-mother, Edna (Lacher) Reed; sisters, Virgie (Reed) Pahsetopah Harris and Elizabeth (Reed) Neely.

He is survived by a brother, Paul Reed and wife, Madeline, of Denton, Texas; daughters, Dorthy Pruitt and husband, Kenneth, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Chiquita Ploeger, of Aubrey, Texas, Marilyn Bettes, of Lewisville, Texas; a son-in-law Leon Southerland, of Ardmore; a daughter-in-law Ruth Schlaudroff, of Gainesville, Texas; grandchildren Dawn Burgan and husband, Mike, of Gainesville, Texas, Kelly Underwood and husband, Faron, of Ardmore; and many other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bobby Joe Taylor



Bobby Joe Taylor, 81, formerly of Wilson, Oklahoma, died July 24, 2014 at Ardmore, Oklahoma. Memorial graveside services were July 31, 2014 at Hewitt Cemetery with Rev. Jason Williams officiating.

Mr. Taylor was born August 23, 1932 at Wilson to the late Joe Taylor and Marie Lofton.

He was raised in Wilson graduating from Wilson High School in 1950. He joined the U.S. Navy on August 28, 1951 and served honorably during the Korean Conflict. He received the U.S. Navy and U.S. Marines Corps Medal "for heroic conduct in connection with the rescue of a civilian from drowning." He was honorably released from active duty on June 7, 1955 and returned home



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Chickasaw Nation Day of Prayer, August 20



Luther John, Sharon Poe and Leona Wilson sing Chickasaw and Choctaw hymns during the Chickasaw Nation Day of Prayer, Aug. 20 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur. A day of singing, prayer and fellowship, Day of Prayer provided the opportunity for participants to give thanks for the many blessings bestowed upon the Chickasaw Nation.

Jacquelyn Sparks



Governor Bill Anoatubby encourages those in attendance to pause and honor the Lord and give thanks during the 2014 Chickasaw Nation Day of Prayer. Gov. Anoatubby read a proclamation designating Aug. 20 Chickasaw Nation Day of Prayer.

2014 54th Annual Meeting and 26th Chickasaw Festival



DAY/DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday, September 26	8:00 PM - 2:00 AM	Stomp Dance	Kullihoma
Saturday, September 27	7:30 AM	Golf Tournament Registration	Tishomingo Golf Course
	8:00 AM	Cornstalk Shoot Registration	Kullihoma
	8:00 AM	1 Mile Fun Walk	Refuge Road/Tishomingo
	8:30 AM	5K Run	Refuge Road/Tishomingo
	8:30 AM	Kids Cornstalk Shoot	Kullihoma
	9:00 AM	Jr. Olympics Registration	THS Football Field
	9:00 AM	Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament	MSC / J.C. Sports Complex
	9:00 AM	Golf Tournament Begins	Tishomingo Golf Course
	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Capitol Building (Open)	Tishomingo
	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Council House Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
	9:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Chickasaw Bank Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
	10:00 AM	Jr. Olympics Begins	THS Football Field
	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Frybread Making Classes	CCC/Sulphur
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (Open)	Sulphur
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Dugout Canoe Exhibit: Paddling through the Americas	CCC/Aatifama Room
	10:00 AM	Traditional Cornstalk Shoot Begins	Kullihoma
	6:30 PM	Movie Night "The Outsiders"	CCC/Sulphur
	7:30 PM	Movie Night "The Nut Job"	Capitol Grounds Lawn
Sunday, September 28	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (Open)	Sulphur
	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Dugout Canoe Exhibit: Paddling through the Americas	CCC/Aatifama Room
	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Living History Vignettes	CCC/Sulphur
	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Native Dance Exhibition	CCC/Sulphur
Monday, September 29	9:00 AM	Registration - Chickasaw History Challenge Bowl	CCC/Sulphur
	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Chickasaw History Challenge Bowl	CCC/Sulphur
	6:00 PM	Princess Pageant	Ada Cougar Activity Center
Tuesday, September 30 - Thru - Friday, October 3	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Cultural School Tours	Capitol Grounds West Side
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Storytelling/Living History Vignettes	Capitol Grounds
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Kids Activities Tent, Petting Zoo, Inflatables	Pennington Park
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Tours of Tishomingo Museums	Capitol Grounds
	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Stickball Demonstrations, Dance Troupe & Cultural Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds West Side
	9:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Chickasaw Bank Museum (open)	Tishomingo
	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet
	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw Senior Olympics	Tishomingo/J.C. Sports Complex
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (Open)	Sulphur
	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Dugout Canoe Exhibit: Paddling through the Americas	CCC/Aatifama Room
Wednesday, October 1	11:00 AM	Oath of Office Ceremony	Ada/Chickasaw Community Center
Thursday, October 2	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Cultural Evening	CCC/Sulphur
	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Arts & Culture Awards	CCC/Sulphur (Anoli Theatre)
	7:30 PM	Reception	Anoli Theatre Lobby
Friday, October 3	9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Vendors: Arts & Crafts/Food	Pennington Park
	9:00 AM- 5:00 PM	Southeastern Art Show and Market	Capitol Grounds South Side
	8:00 PM - Until Finished	Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo	Tishomingo Tee Pee Arena
Saturday, October 4	8:00 AM	Chickasaw Citizen Registration	MSC Student Center
	8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	Chickasaw Bank Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
	9:00 AM	Annual Meeting	MSC Fletcher Auditorium
	9:00 AM	Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments (Womens and Mens)	Tishomingo / J.C. Sports Complex
	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Council House Museum (Open)	Tishomingo
	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Capitol Building (Open)	Tishomingo
	9:00 AM - 5:30 PM	Vendors: Arts and Crafts/Food	Pennington Park
	11:30 AM	Health Fair	MSC Lawn
	11:30 AM	Parade	Main Street Tishomingo
	11:30 AM	Horseshoe Tournament Registration	Pennington Park
	11:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Southeastern Art Show and Market	Capitol Grounds South Side
	11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Souvenir Sales (Annual Meeting & Festival T-shirts/Hats)	Capitol & Main Street Corner
	11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Petting Zoo, Kids Inflatables, Make and Take Tents,	Pennington Park
	11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Stickball Demonstrations, Dance Troupe & Cultural Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds West Side
	11:30 AM - 5:30 PM	Chickasaw Press Book Signing	Capitol Building 2nd floor
	11:45 AM - 3:00 PM	Chickasaw Traditonal Meal	MSC Lawn
	12:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Chickasaw White House Tours	Emet
	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Live Entertainment	Pennington Park
	1:00 PM	Parent/Child Fishing Tournament	Pennington Park (by creek)
	1:00 PM	Horseshoe Tournament Begins	Pennington Park
	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Storytelling/Living History Vignettes	Capitol Grounds
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Stickball Tournament - Kids and Adults	Capitol Grounds West Side
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Chickasaw Cultural Center (open)	Sulphur
	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Dugout Canoe Exhibit: Paddling through the Americas	CCC Aatifama Room
	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Stomp Dance Demonstrations	Capitol Grounds West Side
	2:00 PM - Until Finished	Band Day Extravaganza	THS
	6:30 PM	Movie Night "Captain America: The Winter Soldier"	CCC/Sulphur
	8:00 PM - Until Finished	Johnston County Riding Club Rodeo	Tishomingo Tee Pee Arena

CCC = Chickasaw Cultural Center
MSC = Murray State College
J.C. Sports Complex = Johnston County Sports Complex
THS = Tishomingo High School